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# CHANGING OF THE TIMES

### Makes Greater the Demands of the Hour—True Race Reformers are Needed Not Critics—The Pen.

We have come across centuries strewn with the heaps of the dead, and red with the blood of the slain, to arrive at least at a state of human development where the pen is mightier than the sword. The most powerful engine of modern warfare is the printing press, and the greatest general is he who has the greatest genius to command, not armies, but language. It may be poetically true that language was given to our first parents by direct inspiration, but it is not scientifically true. No word is coined until there is an idea in the mind for which it stands. Language is the vehicle for the expression of ideas. That language is best whose richness and flexibility is such as to give expression to the loftiest conceptions and thoughts, the various shades of feeling of which the mind is capable, and he is the greatest man of letters who understands, not simply the construction of sentences and the meaning of words, but the power of syllables and letters.

There is more injury inflicted upon government, society, institutions and men by the misguided use of the pen, than by all of the death dealing engines of war. The man who with knife or gun, runs amuck on the crowded streets of the city, is no more dangerous than he who runs amuck in the columns of the newspaper press. The man who uses the pen to overthrow tyranny, reform institutions or in defense of truth is more formidable than an army and in the end must prevail. The munitions of war with which the literary champion should be well supplied are facts, his breastworks argument. With this equipment and defense he is prepared both to attack and defend. But he who would wage war against established customs, institutions or laws should choose well his ground, his hour and his method of attack. The days when the battle for principle, for truth, for honor, for conquest or reform shall be waged by the conflict of arms, have, we believe, almost forever passed away. Future conquests, will be the conquest of mind; future battles, the battle of ideas. When a man or any number of men seek to overthrow suddenly the existing social, industrial, political or religious conditions or order, their revolt is revolution, they are rebels. But if it succeeds, they are hailed as patriots, philanthropists and saviors of the liberties of mankind. But revolutionary methods are not justifiable in the propagation of any cause unless the movement can command sufficient strength to give reasonable assurance of success in opposing the existing order; first, because defeat retards the triumph of a worthy cause, and secondly, because the established order is preferable to anarchy, which is the absence of law or recognized authority. Human institutions have never yet been perfect. Every age has been marked by the abuse of power and the corruption or pervertion of established institutions. But every age has produced reformers who arose to combat the evils of the time. A reformer seeks "the correction or amendment of life, manners, or anything vicious or corrupt; the reformation of abuses."

A true reformer must always be consistent and sincere. His motives must be unselfish, his labor self sacrificing; he must neither seek nor desire anything for himself, all of his interests and ambitions must be subordinated and centered in one idea. He must not appeal to passion or prejudice; truth must be his weapon, his appeal to reason and the universal heart of humanity. When he seeks for himself renown, riches, fame or glory all of his profession will be considered insincere, he will be finally classed as a fraud and have little more influence in shaping the events of the time than the "dog that bays the moon" When a reformer seek to lead a people to a plane, upon which by reason of their character, training, traditions or experience they are unprepared to stand, he becomes to them, at least for the time, either a fanatic or a crank. He must first educate public opinion and with great patience lead the halting steps of the multitude across the vast distances that lie between them and the heights to which he has ascended.

"Be not the first by whom the new is tried
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside"

Is good advice to follow in adopting proposed reforms. If we call the reformer the the gunner of the heavy artillery of literary warfare, then the critic is the sharp shooter who picks him off. A critic in the primary sense is an examiner, a judge. In the highest sense he is one who "from experience, habit, knowledge, taste, can perceive the difference between the high and the low, propriety and impropriety. the correct and incorrect." In the more common or lower sense he is one "who judges with severity; one who censures or finds fault." There is a small class of critics, who have obtained some vogue among us, who seem to have neither the wisdom nor intelligence to appreciate the value of constructive criticism. The mere fault finder can run his literary shop upon a very small stock of brains and do a rushing business night and day.

American literature and art have done all in their power to place the Negro in an unfavorable light before the world. He has been caricatured and criticised with merciless malignity. The search light is turned upon every phase of his development and life. As far as possible his merits are veiled in the shadows, while his short comings are flooded with light. The Negro has had little opportunity to gain experience and develop capacity for the management and control of business enterprises or institutions. But he is an apt scholar and a close student who realizes his deficiencies. The members of the race who seek to serve it in the capacity of critics, by placing on exhibition and parading before the world, the short-comings, the failures, the faults and mistakes in the very best work it has done, and the best men and women it has produced, do more to discredit it before the world than all of their efforts in its behalf are likely to repair.

The Negro needs not so much to be told of his ignorance, as he needs educational facilities; not so much to be reminded of his poverty, as to have an equal chance to win his bread, not so much to be lectured for his immorality, as better conditions for moral growth; not so much to be censured for lack of true ambition, as a chance to approach the altar where the fires of aspiration are kindled. Only he is qualified to criticise, who understands the laws of cause and effect as relates to our condition, and who without malice or prejudice while pointing out the failures and short-comings of the race shows also how they may be corrected and repaired.
REV. R. C. RANSOM,
Bethel Church, Chicago.

## Wealth and Intelligence.

Yazoo City, Miss., Special.

The outside world would be surprised to know the amount of wealth and intelligence among the colored people of Yazoo. The Yazoo reading circle discussed capital punishment Friday evening the 14th which was very interesting, after which W. T. Dean, followed by other gentlemen addressed the circle on housekeeping, which was a new feature and brought forth much merriment. Misses Emma Burrus, Pennie Newman and Maggie Luse are among our most charming young ladies. The water continues to fall. A large crowd came over on the excursion from Kosciusko to witness the match ball game. The Yazoo nines won. Mrs. McGhee and John Scott were hurt with the ball and bat during the game. Prof. J. A. Martin has been invited to deliver the annual lecture at Alcorn University, should he accept the invitation we bespeak for the school quite a treat intellectually. Miss L. C. Williams is the recipient of many invitations from different places to deliver lectures The Freeman is read with much interest in Yazoo City. Mrs. Lucy B. Dixon has gone to make her future home with an uncle in New Haven, Conn.

## Clarinda News Notes.

Clarinda, Ia., Special.

Mr. Cason is no better. Miss Bell Cason is better at this writing. Mr. C. Ashford was in our city, Rev. Mendenhall has returned home from Atchson, Kan. There were quite a number of Bedford people in our city Sunday. Rev. Mendenhall and family dined with Mrs. Thomas Jones Sunday. All enjoyed the fishing party Saturday at Shambough. The ladies of the Second Baptist church gave an apron social and served ice cream and strawberries Friday evening the 21st.

## Will Re-organize.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mary, the fourteen-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones, died Monday morning of brain fever. The funeral was held at the A. M. E. church, conducted by Rev. L. Pettiford. Mr. Troutman has accepted a position at W. P. Winslow's shop. Rev. Tingley preached last Sunday evening at the A. M. E. church. The social that was to have been given last week was postponed until this week. Ed Bizzel has accepted a position at H. B. Turner's. Ed Saunders of Indianapolis was in the city last week in the interest of H. L. Saunder's furnishing store. Mr. Sanders is a genial young man. John Taylor spent Sunday in Cincinnati. Miss Nettie Trust went to Indianapolis last week. Miss Anna Banks of Richmond is in the city. Mrs. Frank Carter attended the G. A. R. Encampment at Richmond. The Brownie Base Ball Team will re organize and be ready for all engagements. Sol Raines of Ft. Wayne is in the city in the interest of the Chimney Cap. Co.

## Church News Notes.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

Sunday was grand rally day at the Second Baptist church. The total receipts of the fair and rally were $38.60 for which the pastor and church people are justly proud and thankful. Rev. G. W. Cann of Washington, C. H. Ohio, preached at Second Baptist church. Sunday morning May 16th. The church people are preparing for a grand entertainment May 31st. Oliver Dixon and Miss Minnie Davis were married Thursday May 13th. The Second Baptist church has just closed a successful week of their May fair. I. T. Evans visited in Richmond the past week. Mrs. Julia Robbins returned this week from Rising Sun, Ind., and reports a delightful time. The A. M. E. church Aid Society was entertained at the home of Mrs. Anna Strawthers on North Jefferson street. Charles Hamilton, Will Burns and Mr. Kelley of Lima O., passed through Muncie Sunday enroute to Indianapolis. They visited Mr. Veril who is a brother of Will Burns. Mr. Will Ball has been divorced from his wife. Frank Davis went to Indianapolis Sunday on the L. E. & W. excursion. William Williams is on the sick list. The A. M. E. church took up a collection of $3.00 for his benefit. Mrs. Moore of South Elen street is very low with lung trouble. Rev. Carr of the Wesleyan A. M E. church preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening, a collection was raised for him also. A sister of Mrs. Martha Fry's from Pascola, Ill., is ill at the home of Mrs. Fry. Mr. John Williams of Logansport is again in the city. Club No. 3, gave their grand entertainment Wednesday May 19th. Uncle Silas Shoecraft had his ankle dislocated by a horse steping on it last Tuesday. Frank Hampton has resigned his position as butler at the "Colonial."

## ONLY EIGHTEEN.

I kissed her just at dawnlight,
I kissed her then at nine,
I kissed her then at noon time
You can wager it was fine,
I kissed her in the afternoon,
I kissed her then at four,
I kissed her just at eventide,
I kissed her at the door.

I kissed her in the carriage,
I kissed her on the hill,
I kissed her as we journeyed,
I'm sure it was her will;
I kissed her at the doorway,
I kissed her in the hall,
I kissed her while we sat there,
I kissed her at the ball.

I kissed her while returning,
I kissed her near the fence,
I kissed her at the iron gate,
I know it was immense,
I kissed her as we parted,
Her velvet lips were neat,
In fact I kissed so many times
I think I should be sweet.

## News of the Week.

Meridian, Miss., Special,

Rev. L.S. Lee, of Shuqualak, Miss., by request came to Meridian. Rev. Lee is moderator of the New Hope Association. He preached a splendid sermon at 3 o'clock to a large congregation, and also at 8 o'clock. A. E. Nelson presided at the organ. The Welch colored public graded school has closed. The Mother's meeting will take place at the A. M. E. church on the fourth Sunday in May. Rev. W. H. Coleman will address the meeting. The Union Baptist church held an entertainment at their church on Tueseay night, the 18th. Rev. W. H. Jernigan, of this city, won second prize at the Jackson College among the young men. Miss S. J. Doby, of Enterprize, Miss., won third prize among the young ladies. They have returned to their homes. Hon. J. C. Hill, of this place delivered the annual address. J. W. Harris, who has been quite sick, is on the streets again. J. P. Crump has been sick the past week. Prof. I. Garland Penn, lecturing in the interest of the Epworth League, arrived in the city on Tuesday, the 10th, and was tendered a reception at the Academy at night. Prof. C. L. Harris made the opening address. Prof. Penn responded. Quite a large crowd met at the M. E. church on Wednesday night, the 12th, to hear Prof. Penn's interesting and instructing address. He is an able speaker. Dr. J. M. May, who has been taking a post graduate course in the medical college for physicians and surgeons, at Chicago. Ill., returned to Meridian on the 16th to take up his practice. Rev. S. H. Cannon has been quite sick the past week. There was a grand social entertainment given by the school at the Academy on Friday, the 14th. Rev. J. R. Farish (white) preached at New Hope Baptist church on the 19th inst. An entertainment was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cathey in West End, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Burrell. Quite a number were present. Quite a large crowd were out to the B Y. P. U. on Sunday night. Hon. J. C. Hill made a very entertaining talk. The Lincoln school will close about the 26th. A. J. Richey, who has been in the employment of O. G. Turner for the past twelve months, has commenced business for himself at Winchester. Robert Miller has been on the sick list for the past week. A little error occurred in The Freeman of the 15th. Mr. Faygum, of Columbus, made an address, instead of Hogan; J. W Harris, was master of ceremonies; B. F. Adams, grand marshal of the day. The collection was $9 for the flood sufferers; $4 for the M. E. church, and about $20 for the Odd Fellows. L. G. Murray and son Willard spent a few hours in Meridian on the 15th. Mrs. Irene Adams, who has been visiting in Enterprise, has returned.

## DE TIME TO TINKER 'ROUN'.

Summah's nice, wif sun a-shinin',
Spring is good wif green and grass.
An' deys something nice 'bout wintah,
Dough it brings de freezin' blas';
But de time dat is de fines,'
Whethah fiel's is green er brown,
Is we'en de rain's a poin',
An dey's time to tinker 'roun'.

Den you men's de mule's ol' ha'ness,
An' you men's de broken chair,
Hummin' all de time you's wukin',
Some ol' common kind o' air.
Evah now an' then you look out,
Tryin' mighty ha'd to frown,
But you can't, you'se glad hit's rainin',
An' dey's time to tinker 'roun'.

Oh, you 'ten's lak you so anxious
Evah time it so't o' stops.
We'en hit goes on, den you reckon
Dat de wet'll he'p de crops.
But hit ain't de crops you's aftah;
You knows w'en de rain comes down
Dat hit's too wet out fu' wukin',
An dey's time to tinker 'roun'.

Oh, dey's fun inside de co'n crib,
An' dey's laffin' at the ba'n;
An' dey's allus some one jokin',
Er some one to tell a ya'n.
Dah's a quiet in yo' cabin,
Only fu' de rain's sof's soun';
So you's mighty blessed happy
We'en dey's time to tinker 'roun.'

—Paul Dunbar in May Outlook.

## Laboring for the Salvation of Souls.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Special,

The colored churches generally have had and some are still conducting successful revivals. Rev. J. M. Murchison, pastor of the St. John A. M. E. church, has just closed a revival in which ten persons were converted. Over forty persons were added to the church. Dr. J. H. Jones, the Evangelist from Texas, who is known far and near for his ability as a preacher, and who has made for himself a reputation and been the means of reviving the spiritual standard of St. John, served for over two weeks in aiding the pastor and members of St. John church. Dr. Jones has just closed a meeting for Dr. H. H. King, the affable and talented pastor of Allen Temple. Dr. King gave a rally on April 27th for his church. Allen Temple bids fair to become one of the leading churches in this conference. It is the Universal regret that Dr. King was ever moved from St. John A. M. E. church There is nothing small or low about him. He is working hard to make Allen Temple a success. He has the respect of saint and sinner. Dr. Jones is arranged for a "Big gospel tent," and expects very soon to enter the evangelistic field. The St. Paul Baptist church is conducting a revival under the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Rogers. The two lodges of Odd Fellows and Households of Ruth assembled at Mount Pleasant A. M. E. church on Sunday to hear the annual sermon from Revs. James Jones and A. M. Middlebrooks. The sentiment universal here is that The Freeman is the only Afro-American paper. On Sunday May 9th, the two lodges of the U. B. F.'s and S. M. T.'s celebrated their anniversary sermon at St. John A. M. E. church.

HON. C. H. J. TAYLOR,
Ex-Recorder of Deeds, District of Columbia.

## Prosperous Literary.

Camden, Ark., Special.

The literary is progressing. The colored teachers of the public schools are busy practising for the closing. Miss A. J. Arrington and her little opera troop exhibited last Saturday night at Cotton Belt, Ark. They report a pleasant time. Mrs S. T. Ford of Eagle Mills, after three day's visit returned home. She was the guest of Mrs. H. Arrington. Quite a swell time was witnessed Wednesday night, May 5 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Arrington in honor of their daughter Anna's nineteenth birthday anniversary. The house was beautifully lighted and decorated with flowers, the word "Welcome" being formed in flowers on the table. The program for the evening began at 9:30. The following were present: Rev. H. E. Beasley, C. H. Randles, G. Ponder, G. Silverson, J. E. Arrington, M Scott, Miss A. J. Arrington, A. M. Bowie, L. L Green, Mrs. S. T. Ford of Eagle Mills, Mrs. A. Daniels of Brinkley. The string band arrived at 11 o'clock, and amused the guests with the sweetest melody. Rev. H. C. Beasely and Miss A. J. Arrington led the march into supper. A number of valuable presents were presented Miss Arrington. Mrs. H. C. Beasley and Mrs. G. Arrington have been on the sick list. Mrs. A. Daniels of Brinkley is in the city visiting friends. Mrs. W. B. Coleman and her sweet little daughter, and Miss Mattie Arrington of Dermott arrived in the city the 16th to visit their parents. They were accompanied by their friend, Mrs. M. M. H. Lacy. The young men of Camden gave a strawberry and ice cream supper at Block's opera house the 8th. An excellent time was had.

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## The Closing of School.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

H. H. Williams of Florence, Ga., was in this city last week. Quite a crowd assembled at the public school last Friday night the 14th to witness the exercises by the school. A nice program was rendered. Rev. J. W. Jackson has returned from Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Mary Gary has been quite sick, but is reported better. Rev. W. C. Banton preached two excellent sermons last Sunday. Mr. B. Reaves passed through this city last Saturday enroute to Birmingham, Ala., his home. Mr. Will Gary of Dawson, Ga., was in the city last week. A mad dog bit Leila Lunard last week. Quite a crowd of citizens of this city spent last Sabbath in Columbus, Ga. Don't miss next weeks issue. The A. M. E. Sunday school of this city will have their picnic in June. Rev. J. A. Warren is on the sick list. Hon. L. C. Gardner of this city is a great admirer of The Freeman. A very interesting program was rendered at the Christian Endeavor meeting Tuesday night at St. Lukes A. M. E. church, Mr. Albert Scott is a great admirer of colored papers, especially The Freeman. Read The Freeman and you will know what the race is doing. Miss Ellen Turner take great interest in the Freeman.

## Elected Officers.

Sherman, Tex, Special.

The South Sherman Mission church is carrying on a series of protracted meetings. The flower garden east of the Union depot is quite a pleasure resort. We should patronize our own paper. The Grand Lodge of K. of P. closed with its installation Friday night, May 14. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: L. M. Mitchell of Austin, G. C.; Dr. J. W. Anderson of Dallas, Grand Keeper of record and seal; Dr. M. J. Snowden, of Marshall Grand Master of exchequer; L. D. Key Grand Master of Arms; Dr. C. B. Romas of Dallas, Grand Lecturer.

## Odd Fellow Celebration.

Lexington, Miss, Special.

Rev. C. P. Jones of Jackson has been here four days preaching. Rev. Jones is no doubt one of the ablest preachers in the South. At each sermon the church was crowded. Rev. Jones did good work while here. He is an able minister. Mrs. M. J. Clark and Mrs. Maggie Stokes have returned from an extended visit with friends in Yazoo City. Hon. J. S. McCuster, of Magnolia, Grand Master of Odd Fellows for the state of Mississippi, was here last Friday night and addressed the Household of Ruth. The Odd Fellows also turned out. Miss Lemmie Clark, Miss Bernetta Sistrom and Mrs. V. Hoover read interesting papers, after which supper was spread.

## News and Notes.

Hamilton, O., Special.

The concert given by Prof. Wm. Huber was a success. Miss Craig sold the most tickets and received a dress. Miss F. Carroll sold second highest and received a shirt waist. Mrs. Carson third highest and received a belt. Rev. Coleman delivered an address to the ladies Sunday. The literary society are rehearsing the play that they will render in the near future. The Sewing Circle met Friday at Mrs. Tate. Miss S. Anderson of Chicago, Ill., visited here last week. Mr. Geo. H. Hayes of Cincinnati, was here on Saturday in the interest of the G U. O. of O. F., which convenes here in August. Messrs. O. Rile and G. Garner wheeled to Cincinnati Sunday. Messrs. Conway and Davison and Mrs. N. Works spent Sunday in Indianapolis. Quarterly meeting will be held next Sunday at the A. M. E church.

## Minister's Union Progressing.

Houston, Tex., Special.

From the report of Dr. P. C. Hunt, D. D., president of the Ministers' Union of this city, the Union is progressing rapidly since last month. Dr. Hunt is wide awake. Hon. R. Gleed, who is vice-president, is doing all in his power to make the Union a success. The commencement of the Houston Baptist Academy will occur soon. Rev. J. H. Garnett, A. M D. D., is doing all in his power to make the exercises better than before. William Lee will canvass in his county for The Freeman. Prof. Booker T. Washington will visit here in June. He will be given a grand reception All readers of Houston whose times have expired for The Freeman, will please call and pay the same to E. C Branch, 919 San Filipe street.

# THE SCENE OF A BATTLE.

### The Post-office is "the Bone of Contention"—Will it go to Lyons—The Atlanta Journal Comments.

Augusta, Ga., Special.

The appointment of a post master for our progressive city has become a national issue. Hon. J. W. Lyons, the leading candidate is a colored man, hence the issue. It is safe to say that were Mr. Lyons white, his nomination would have been made, and his confirmation weeks ago. His opponents are able to bring to bear but one argument in opposition to him—his color. Telegrams have been received here that he will withdraw from the post office contest and be given something better. His friends do not believe this. He cannot afford to withdraw now. He is being opposed only because he is colored, and for him to withdraw under this fire is to give potency to the contentions of his Democratic enemies. It is no longer his fight for the Augusta post office; it is now the issue as to whether or not Negroes are fitted to occupy positions of trust in this Southland, and whether President McKinley has the necessary backbone to place them therein. The deciding of this particular case will outline the policy of this administration toward the Negro. Rev. W. J. White, D. D., has gone to Washington to assist Mr. Lyons, who is already there. The following from the Atlanta Journal, the organ of Hoke Smith, ex-Secretary of the Interior, throws a ray upon the situation:

"Lyons is not a fussy, blatant fellow, but a cool, dignified man, with a knowledge of his power with his race. This knowledge and the fact that he has not been an office-seeker, makes him all powerful, too, with the white members of the Republican machine in Georgia.

These leaders know that Pledger, Rucker, Easley, or even Deveaux, can be turned down with impunity—but these are strife-breeders and always factionists. No such charge can be made against Lyons. To turn him down is to turn down the Negro race in toto, and as calmly as the Negro is fooled in trifling matters, he will not be fooled as to Lyons. This is the situation that stared Buck and Johnson in the face when Lyons arrived in Washington. Added to this he had indorsements which lessen the force of the local fight made on him.

Many of the best lawyers in Augusta, supposing that Lyons wanted a foreign appointment or a department position of importance, gladly endorsed his ability and his character. These letters Lyons has shown to many Georgians in Washington, and put on file for the use of the postmaster general and the president, and besides the prominence he has in his party these letters are the strongest cards he has had to play. From reliable information it is stated that Lyons' white indorsements won McKinley, who is torn by conflicting emotions, desiring to take neither horn of a dilemna."

The Harmony Baptist church of this city, celebrated its 29th anniversary on Sunday last. Rev. W. J. White, D. D., has been the pastor of this church for 29 years. An interesting incident of this Baptist anniversary exercises was that in the morning there were preaching services conducted by Rev. I. S. Person pastor and congregation of Trinity C. M. E. church. Bishop R S. Williams and other ministers assisted pastor Person. The collection of this service was called Trinity C. M. E. church collection. The exercises all day were very interesting, participated in by all denominations represented here, and attended by large crowds, white and colored. The collections amounted to more than one hundred dollars. The Thankful Baptist church of this city has just completed a $36,000 house of worship. The State Baptist Convention of Georgia holds its annual session with this church in June. Rev. C. S. Wilkins is the talented and consecrated pastor in charge. Sam Jones is conducting a Sam Jones revival here for whites only; that is we suppose it to be for whites only, as no provision is made for the convenient and comfortable participation of Negroes. We must most respectfully decline to go to heaven from the dark corner of anybody's sanctuary.

Augusta had a "Mary-makers Week" recently. Free amusements etc., were provided for visitors from the country and surrounding towns. We are glad that many Negro business men refused to pay their money subscriptions to the amusement fund because the white managers refused to give Negroes any participation in the management, or any part of the program. Negro children were not invited to take part in the school children's parade. It seems rather "trashy" to expect Negroes to foot the bill for entertainments from which they are excluded because of their color. The Freeman is quite popular in this section.

## Meeting Closed.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

Rev. W. F. Baker's meeting has closed at the First Baptist church. He had a great success. The Odd Fellows had their annual sermon preached Sunday at 3 o'clock by E. W. Mosely. Dr. Ware of Nashville sang a solo at the services. Miss Irene Stewart of Trenton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tyree.

## Church and Society Notes.

DeKalb. Tex., Special.

We are having a series of meetings at True Vine Baptist church conducted by their pastor, Elder Ivory. There was quarterly conference at Dalby Springs Sunday. Several young men attended. Friends will be glad to hear of T. S. McKnight's recovery. He is greatly missed here. The greatest thing here now is the scramble for the post office.

# THE VOICE OF AN OPTIMIST

### RAISED IN REBUKE TO THEORIES ADVANCED BY NOAH BAXTER.

## TWO GENERATIONS IN THE BALANCE

**The New Negro Not Inferior to the Old—Altered Demands of the Times—Spectacles Must be Re-adjusted to New Conditions — The Negro in a Transitory Stage—Undergoing a Refining Process—A Word for the Industrial Army—Choosing Between Two Pictures—Mr. Thompson Takes up the Gauntlet Thrown Down by the "Sage of Marble Falls," and Chants an Inspiring Creed.**

> "Survey the whole, nor seek slight faults to find."—Pope.

Let me dwell here a moment. Suppose a fraction of the race are forced into the so-called menial employments. Is that a surprising consequence to a race of which 60 per cent. is illiterate? Don't you know that we are making a frightful blunder when we sneer at those who faithfully perform these necessary services? Somebody must engage in them, and the work must be welldone. If waiting table does not elevate the young Negro, let him elevate the calling by the expert manner in which he performs it. If preparing "milady's" wardrobe does not add fame to the young colored woman, let her add fame to the calling by the high character which her presence brings to it. Sneer if you will, Uncle Noah, but don't you know that it requires as much skill and head-work of a specific nature to be a first-class cook, barber, dressmaker or even waiter as it does to teach school, to preach, or to practice medicine? Each demands a special training and long experienee to reach perfection. And, further, don't you know that there is no more disgrace attached to cutting a man's hair artistically than in sawing off a toe-joint? We are blundering criminally in turning up our noses at these callings, which are open to us, and permitting the lower orders of native whites and obsequious foreigners to slip into them and wax rich and independent. We are losing our hold upon these industries in a mad chase after aristocratic will-o'-the-wisps, and not making compensatory inroads upon the trades monopolized by the whites. From a racial standpoint, I am a subscriber to the rather selfish doctrine that we should first keep what we have and then get all we can. But, when all is said and done—let a man be a hostler or a woman a laundress, if they are denied more congenial avenues —when they make money and apply it in rearing useful families or in fostering worthy enterprises, they are doing far more to "push the proggress of the race along" than the combined horde of chronic growlers and calamity shriekers, who criticise, but never create. The Negro's fount of prosperity lies in a strong industrial class. Upon this element the professional classes must thrive. Whether an individual wields a pen or broom, a scalpel or a chisel, let him be honored according to his personal worth.

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Now, instead of singling out as race criterions the exceptional instances where boys leave their homes to waste their substance in riotous living and fill premature graves, why not lay stress upon the brighter picture within easier vim? Why not tell of the hundreds of talented young men and women who have gone out from obscure environments and embarked in business or educated themselves for the professions? Instead of typifying the race as crapshooters, dram-drinkers and moral lepers, why not laud the lofty spirits who have sought new communities and allied themselves with the progressive factors there? The latter are found in the North and East, holding public office, serving on church boards, presiding over literary organizations, perfecting special studies, uplifting society, and applying their mental gifts to beneficent uses. Some may go to the bad. That may be expected, but the judgment upon the many should not be guaged by the few. As a minister of the gospel, Uncle Noah, would you not quickly resent an attack upon the clergy as a class because of the moral lepers of an insignificant minority of the cloth? Of course you would! It is equally unjust to belittle the creditable efforts of those young people who are struggling upward. Howard University, Fisk, Lincoln, Livingstone, Atlanta, Wilberforce and a dozen other notable institutions are graduating every year large numbers of boys and girls who are going out into the world to spread the gospel of hope and cheer, and to aid in establishing a new dispensation. The Uncle Noahs too often ignore these powerful agents of a superior civilization, and not content with ridiculing "book larnin'" and rebuking "new fangled notions," they set themselves immorally in the path of progress. Just think how many churches societies and public-spirited enterprises have failed because of an unreasoning insistence that fossilized ideas should govern, and a refusal to accept the improved order of the century. That level-headed philosopher, "B. Square," for whose ability I have profound respect, told the whole truth along this line the other day, and got in a "clincher" when he regretfully declared that all of the Noah Baxters of the race were not old. This class of re-actionists should wipe the dust of prejudice off their "specs" and look again. Perhaps the broader view traced herein may disclose some positive evidence of the "brite lite of sevelization," which they have derived as a myth.

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Faith is a valuable force in race progress. We must believe in ourselves and have confidence in our leaders. We must, however, insist upon a leadership worthy of confidence and esteem. A system of reckless denunciation and captious complaint that saps race pride and destroys race discipline is inimical to advancement. Instead of declaring without reserve that Negro leadership is a failure, that the clergy is corrupt, that our journals are cowardly, that our writers are hypocrites and self-seekers, that sincerity is a lost treasure —in short that "nothing ain't no good any more"—let the Uncle Noahs point out the false prophets individually, and hurl them in disgrace from the ramparts they usurp. Do not villify the profession, but unhorse the corrupt individual. To mean well is one thing, but to work clumsily and unscientifically is likely to defeat good intentions. The road to a very warm locality is said to be paved with just such material. No one "lowrates" Uncle Noah's evident unfamiliarity with Lindley Murray or his lack of college opportunities, but I do claim that age and experience should teach him that diplomacy is a more effective weapon than a meat-axe, or in his own old-fashioned vernacular—that "molasses ketches mo' flies than vinegar." Even truth told at importune times and in ill-judged connections are often fatal to the best of causes. Sagacious criticism and brutal candor are widely differentiated elements. although similar in appearance, and the unskillful are very apt to mistake the latter for the former, with results far from desirable.

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Those who choose may encourage the cynical tendency of the age. They may cherish shattered idols, live in the miseries of the past, and give countenance to the irreverent spirit that is gnawing at the vitals of serious purpose. The century is passing them by, leaving them stranded upon the shoals of superstition and dogmatism. The New Negro may not for a time reap in full the fruits he has been diligently cultivating for two decades, but the signs now visible indicate a bounteous harvest ahead in the form of a sterner race development, a radiant civilization, and an established relationship with his fellowmen. Much of the help once extended by the white people has been withdrawn. The effect of being thrown almost completely upon his own resources is a sturdier self-reliance, a more genuine manhood for the colored Americans. He is valiantly accepting the gauntlet of competition thrown down, and is holding his own in a most gratifying manner. From a political ward and national dependent, the Negro is rising to race autonomy and is taking degrees in the science of politics and sociology.

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Encouraging signs confront us at every turn. Never before have we had such excellent schools or more enthusiastic students. Never were graduates more plentiful or education more expansive. Never were capable instructors more numerous. In no generation has more money been collected for charity, reformatory or missionary purposes. Never have we had more or better equipped hospitals and infirmaries. Never have we had so many fine churches, such an intelligent ministry, or so grand an array of communicants. As Dr. D. P. Brown truthfully observes the higher standard of taste and religious ethics is relegating to the rear incompetency in the pulpit and breeding cultured appreciation in the pew. Never was the spirit of christian unity more prevalent. At no period have we read so much choice literature, or contributed a larger volumn of our own intellectual wares to the general fund. Never have we had braver, cleaner or more representative newspapers or more scholarly editors. Never have our women made longer strides toward their true relation to society. In no other epoch of our history has such a noble band as the National Association of Colored Women seen the light of day. In wealth, elegance of homes, mode of living, tasteful dress, personal habits and moral instincts, the race is now floating at the highest water-mark yet attained. The spirit of organization for protection and commercial advancement was never so firmly implanted. The conviction that the black man must rise by his own might was never so universally entertained. Never has the importance of industrial education been so generally recognized. Never were honorable professional men and women more highly prized or more generally supported, in proportion to number. Never was Negro manhood more in evidence, or indications more promising that the colored American will eventually win his way by force of superior merit to the possession of the rights and privileges that are constitutionally his.

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Despite the lamentations of race Jeremiahs, notwithstanding the fierce competition within the race or the merciless contest of skill with the world at large, taking into consideration the changed conditions and increased requirements of this end of the century, I still contend that the Negro is now enjoying his nearest approach to an Augustian age. With all due respects to the battle-scarred Noah Baxters, I insist that the race is "setting in the brite lite of sivelization," and that our star—far from declining—is steadily rising toward its zenith. Perfection, of course, is unattainable in affairs earthly, but the eye need not rest too long upon dismal error to the exclusion of glowing truth. Ella Wheeler ten years ago sounded a chord of sweetness and light. It is the song of the optimist. I chant it to latter-day philosophers, and commend it as an inspiring creed:

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Than darkness in the world, mine eyes are quick
To catch the first dim radiance of the dawn,
And slow to note the cloud that threatens storm.
The fragrance and the beauty of the rose
Delight me so, slight thought I give the thorn,
And the sweet music of the lark's dear song,
Stays longer with me than the night-hawk's cry;
And, even in this great throe of pain, called life,
I find a rapture linked with each despair
Well worth the price of anguish, I detect
More good than evil in humanity;
Love lights more fires than hate extinguishes,
And men grow better as the world grows old."

R. W. THOMPSON,
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## WOMAN'S WAYS.

A domestic wife is a blessing, but not if she is too domestic.

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A wife is willing to be obedient, but she hates to be considered a slave.

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When a woman says no, she wants you to insist on her saying yes.

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A man will always respect a woman if he sees that she respects herself.

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With a woman, her soul should always be at least as well clad as her body.

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A woman should not be afraid to die. Why, just think! It relieves her of the marriage tie.

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A woman who is a good cook can always retain the respect of her husband, if not his love.

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If a married woman commences as a slave, she will never regain her freedom.

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A great many women transfer to their baby the love they once had for their husbands.

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Even when a woman is in love she never forgets to see that her hat is on straight.

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A woman should be chary with her kisses and caresses, even to her husband. We get tired of canvas-back duck if we get it every day.

### BRYAN'S PAPER.

### The Editor Again Restored to Health

Mr. George W. Hervey, editor of the Weekly Omaha World-Herald, is a perfect picture of health and looks more like the Hervey of other days. To see him now, one can hardly believe that he has been such a great sufferer. He writes of his failing health and recovery, in his characteristic way as follows:

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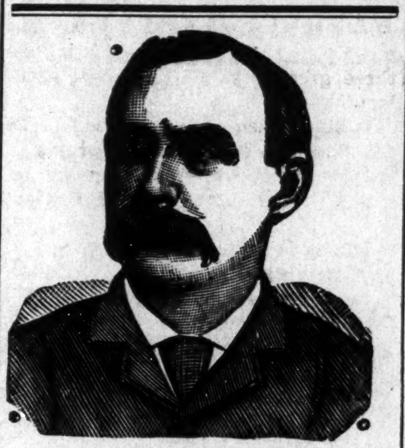

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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## A REVIEW OF ITS AIMS, OBJECTS AND WORK FOR THE YEAR.

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EDITOR FREEMAN:

Will you kindly give me a column or two in The Freeman to step out of the usual path of my correspondence and articles in order that I may render to the members of the I. S. D. C. a report of its officers' stewardship, the progress of the order, its hopes (it has no fears) and at the same time write an open letter to the many thousands of business-like and progressive members of the race who are anxious to join the order?

We are mindful of the fact that God, through the agency of Lincoln, liberated us from the house of bondage. The fathers and mothers of our beloved race, when freed were homeless, penniless and ignorant. They had every possible, known and complicated detriment that is the heritage of bondage. Since the first day of freedom we have been marching on with the progressive vanguard of civilization, not always in the front ranks, but with a resolute, firm step and a bold desire and determination to advance as near the front rank as we could. With this object in view, dear brethren and sisters of the I. S. D. C., we organized the order, and to you I wish to respectfully give (through the kindness of the editor) a semi-report and a word of good cheer, after which I will give information to those anxious to join the order.

You are pioneers in a new movement for the betterment of the race in general, and yourselves in particular. Let me impress upon your mind the fact that the pathway of the pioneer in any new progressive movement is an up-hill one, full of thorns and barriers, still the loyal, well meaning progressive pioneer presses on, filled with resolute hope, until at last the bright sun of success illuminates his pathway. He then basks in the bright sunshine of prosperity, as he looks back and beholds, with satisfaction, hundreds following in the path he has cut, coming up, as it were, past the debris of great trial and tribulations.

Such is our case, dear brothers and sisters of the I. S. D. C. We have in the first year of our existence been forced to hew the road as we marched forward, and oftimes climbed over barriers we could not cut through, still we have reached the point where success is beyond a doubt. As we look back we see the dead bodies of several noted ladies and gentlemen—"race leaders," "mind moulders" and progressive (?) people who fell by the wayside. While we feel sorry that we have lost these valuable (?) people, we have no time to stop to shed tears over our great (?) loss, or money to loose in paying for their interment. We are a business band and know that a loss of time is a loss of money, and that the loss of money is a loss of wealth. Our motto is: "Business, Wealth and Race Unity."

Union and co-operation are the only means whereby the weak can battle against the strong; the poor against the rich; the humble against the exalted. "In union there is strength." "United we stand, divided we fall," are truths I would impress upon every member of the I. S. D. C. from Main to Texas, from the Atlantic to the Pacific slope. A new secret organization, fashioned and framed, to some degree, after our old secret orders (some of which are hundreds of years old) can not reach perfection in a few short months or one year; this is one of the reasons why a large portion of our degree work is not printed or is being re-printed and revised. These facts and several other minor draw-backs have given the skeptic, the critic, the fool, the pessimist and the coward (and we have—or at least had—a few of each of these personages in our ranks) a little seemingly good grounds to find fault with the slow progress of the order, or to back out of their obligations. Several of these persons who had sworn to do all in their power to advance the I. S. D. C., have committed perjury in the sight of God and man, by their inaction, silence and lack of moral and financial aid. Some of these persons were high officers and lost valuable papers through pure carelessness.

In the face of these several drawbacks, the growth of the order in its first year has been something marvelous—far beyond the greatest expectation or hope of its founders; from twenty-three persons residing in ten states of the union, it has grown in one year and two months (Feb. 12, '96, to April 12, '97) to a membership of 6,247, with circles (lodges) in seventeen states. I regret to say that nine of the "originals" are not to-day with the order. They have either been expelled for neglect of duty, violation of their oaths, or dropped by request or by their long silence. The order will get along without them. Some of them tried hard to kill the order, but unfortunately for these would-be murderers, the I. S. D. C. was not born to die. One circle (male) in Louisiana (the intentions of whose members we doubt was ever honorable or true to the order) has withdrawn, and one circle of ladies in the South (I will not mention the section as I believe these dear ladies "seeing, will take heart again") is lukewarm. The other two hundred circles are in good working order, and caring not only for their sick and dead, but for their living. The several members of the order who have done the most for its advancement since its formation, and to whom it owes its advance stage of life, are the following: L. L. Jackson, of Hattiesburg, Miss.; C. C. George, Lake Hall, Ark; Geo. A. Corprew, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Phillip Bishop, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss Lucy L. Owens, Kempsville, Va.; Mrs. Margaret Hill, Wilmington, N. C.; I. O. Western, Charleston, S. C.; Willis F. Hodges, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Geo. P. Isaacs, Brenham, Tex.; Mme. Ruth Cook, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. L. G. Jordon, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Frank Fry, Bevins, Tenn.; Robt. Washington, Bridgeport, Conn.

Fellow co-workers, we have other duties of importance in this life besides preparing to die or looking after interment of the dead. It is our duty to prepare to live, to prepare to enjoy the blessings of the world and the blessing of American citizenship. The poet truly says:

> "I'm sure this world was never made,
> For dreary toil and sadness;
> The boundless gift of good displayed—
> I'm sure 'twas made for gladness."

We should use every honorable means and inventions of the brain and mind, to get all the pleasure, joy, happiness, home comforts and good things out of this life we can, and pave the way for our children to enjoy more of the blessings which God has placed upon earth for mankind. A faction or class of a nation that owns or controls none of the material wealth can never expect to receive the respect of the class or faction that does. We must enter the fields of business, we must educate not only our heads in "book learning," but we must educate our hands in the art of getting money and wealth; the art of not only making a dollar, but saving fifty cents of the same. We must learn how to invest the fifty cents thus saved so that it will bring us in one dollar, and the dollar bring us in two and so on. We must learn to get wealth through the avenues of business by united action. If we do so, we will get more of this world's blessings and enjoy more of its pleasures and receive more of the respect of our white fellow citizens. It therefore, behooves each and every member of the I. S. D. C., both male and female, to do all in his or her power to make the order one of credit, one of wealth, one of business and one of progressive intelligent, far-seeing colored men and women, fully aroused to the duty of the hour; a duty we owe ourselves and our children; a duty which is the only solution to the "Negro problem," and a duty the example for which is set by the whites. As I before stated, several parties joined the order in bad faith, some with the intention of starting independent lodges on the same line, after learning our secret works, signs, grips, etc. The founders of the I. S. D. C. knowing the imperfections of humanity in general and those of the race in particular, was on the lookout for such and proposed to meet those whose only object in joining was to find mistakes and imperfections, or attempt to destroy. We have corrected all mistakes, made several changes in our secret work, etc., and are on the road to success. The officers of the order have just grounds to say that five years from date the I. S. D. C. will be the richest Negro society in the United States, and each and every member will personally enjoy his just portion of the order's wealth.

To those who are anxious to join, or those who have never heard of the order, I would say, "The Invincible Sons and Daughters of Commerce" is a national secret society or "order" of colored merchants, buyers, business and progressive people; they believe that the "Negro problem" (so called) can be solved by a large number of our race entering the fields of business; by uniting and saving their money to invest in real estate, stocks, government bonds, business, commerce, etc., and thereby becoming an important factor in the land and gain the respect of their fellow citizens.

Like the old secret societies, Odd Fellows, Brothers of Friendship, Masons, True Reformers, etc., the I. S. D. C. takes care of its sick and inters its dead, but this is not the main or important object of the I. S. D. C. Although to a great degree fashioned after these old societies in "working," signs, degrees, grips, etc., it differs from them in the main. Their motto is, "We care for the sick and bury the dead," while our motto is, "We care for the well and raise the living." You can not become non-financial as in the old orders or societies. Every cent you put in your circle (lodge) you get a part of it back. You can belong to as many other secret orders as you wish, as this new one is a business order, conflicting in no way with the old ones. You can be of any religious or political faith. You are obliged to eat and wear clothing, and should buy the same from yourselves, thereby keeping the money or the profits from the sales of the same in your own pockets. You can save half your year's earnings by joining the order and living strictly up to its laws; you will be cared for when sick, buried at death (like in the old societies) and cared for while alive and raised from a financial point of view. In a nut shell: Article III of our constitution tells the whole story: "The objects of the I. S. D. C. are, 1st, To promote the growth of business among colored people, and pledge the constant patronage of its members to the keepers of the several branch stores of the order; 2d, To establish a national stock company, and loan the money of the same to its members; 3d, To purchase homes, land, stocks, open stores, etc.; 4th, To provide the comforts of life for its members during health; 5th, To administer to their wants during sickness; 6th, To bury them at death, and, 7th, To teach our future men and women—our boys and our girls—that race unity, business and wealth are the three great keys to the Negro problem."

To those wishing to join the I. S. D. C., or start lodges, printed information will be sent by writing Augustus M. Hodges, 172 Sumpter street, Brooklyn, N. Y. No notice will be taken of letters sent without a two cent stamp to pay the return postage, as we mean business and can not pay postage answering foolish questions. In conclusion, let me say that in five years from date the "Invincible Sons and Daughters of Commerce" will be the richest and best secret society for, and conducted by colored people.

Yours for business, wealth, etc.,

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172 Sumpter St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

April 24, 1897.

### A Gala Day.

Shuqualak, Miss., Special.

At the Emancipation celebration Rev. H. G. Scott was chairman. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. J. Ferrell at the M. E. church. Rev. J. H. Littdell made an address on the Emancipation to which Rev. L. S. Lee responded. The address by I. T. Davis was responded to by B. T. Teer. Addresses were also made by A. I. Taggart, Y. G. Gamble and P. Beasley. In the afternoon outdoor sports were engaged in by the following: Bicycle race by R. L. Murdock and J. Roberts; foot race, I. T. Davis and J. H. Gates; wheelbarrow race, Y. G. Gamble and William Davis; horse racing in saddle, Robert McNeese's horse, "Star of the West," was matched with Harry Lefsone's "Butter."

### Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

In its June number The Ladies' Home Journal will celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in a way distinctly its own. In an article by William George Jordan, entitled "What Victoria Has Seen," the reader will be taken on the British throne, and the marvelous panorama of the world's history for sixty years will pass before him. He will at a glance see the progress in art, science, invention, music, education; the great social reforms, the growth of nations and the advance of civilization. The whole story of the world's progress of the longest reign in English history will be vividly presented.

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From the Omaha Christian Advocate.

There is no one in Omaha or vicinity who has not heard of Mr. N. J. Smith, founder of Rescue Home. He has for a number of years, devoted a large share of his time to the work of rescuing the fallen, furnishing aid to those in distress and helping in every way possible those in trouble. He has been in poor health for several years, but all will be pleased to learn that his health is now much better and he is able to take active charge of the mission work, to which he now devotes his entire time.

On January 1st, 1897, he writes as follows: "I have been troubled for several years with a bad cough. I had lung chills and slight hemorrhage of the lungs and was threatened with consumption. My mother and two sisters have died with consumption, I expected the same fate; but I tried Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, prepared by Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb., and two 25c boxes have entirely cured me of my cough and soreness of my lungs. That tired, sleepy and drowsy feeling is all gone and my appetite is now good. I feel well and full of life. I can work night and day and do not feel tired. Praise the Lord for the help it has given me. I write this hoping if any read it who are similarly afflicted and have been unable to get help from any other sources that they will try this excellent remedy, which I believe to be the best cough medicine of which I have any knowledge."

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh have opened a theatrical boarding house in New York City.

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Lois Doles (Adelina Patti) will sing "Ringlets" at the May Musical Festival at Indianapolis.

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Eaton's "Colored Sports" company opened at Huber's Fourteenth Street Museum, New York City, May 24.

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Tom Brown, mimic, formerly with Isham's "Octoroons," is now with Sheridan & Flynn's "Big Sensation" Co.

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Al and Mamie Anderson scored a big success during their engagement at the Orpheum Theatre, San Francisco, Cal.

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Sheridan & Flynn's "Big Sensation" company are playing to excellent business at the Star Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y., this week.

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Johnson & Dean, formerly of Sheridan & Flynn's forces, were on the vaudeville bill at the Haymarket Theatre, Chicago, last week.

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Mahara's Minstrels will, the coming season, comprise 60 people—30 colored and 30 whites, using three cars for transportation and baggage.

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Lew Johnson's "Uncle Tom Cabin" company are meeting with great success through California. They are booked for Oakland May 20-30.

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Herman Cole and Madam Sylvester, of the famous Tennesseans, have been engaged for the Third Annual Musical Festival, June 22-23 at Indianapolis.

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The members of Hyer's "Comedy Company" presented to Fred Boyer a golded-headed umbrella and a diamond ring, in honor of his forty-seventh birthday May 7.

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"Mikado" was very creditably sang by local talent of Indianapolis, April 12-13. Dr. Jos. H. Ward, G. F. Anderson, Kathryn Harper, Beulah Porter, Georgia Stevenson and Maud Mitchell appearing in the leading roles.

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"Colored America" opened a two week's engagement at Harrison Park, Terre Haute, Ind., April 10, to a crowded house, and fine business continued throughout the engagement. Geo. Temple, Leola Blackburn, John Tolliver, R. B. Shelton and Harry Brown are making the hit of their lives, and the papers speaks highly of the show.

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The Black Patti Troubadours closed a prosperous week at the Holiday St. Theatre, Baltimore, Md., week of the 8. Their success is truly remarkable, because of the strong competition at all the theatres, while Barnum's Circus performed there on Monday and Tuesday nights. The night performances were a series of packed houses, and the demand for tickets was so great that the box office was unable to meet the demand and in consequence the doorkeepers were obliged to take cash as well as tickets. The regular matinees at this house are on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Seats for these performances were all sold in advance, and the management was obliged to give an extra matinee on Friday to accommodate those who could not secure seats at other matinee performances. The extraordinary success of the Black Patti's Troubadours in Baltimore, and, in fact, in all cities where they have appeared this season, is due to the excellence of the performance and the energy of Messrs. Voelckel & Nolan, the proprietors of the company.

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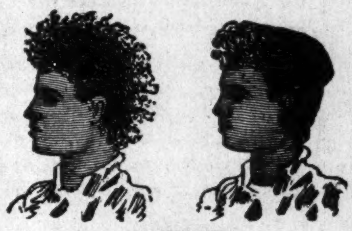

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### "WHY THE APPOINTMET WENT SOUTH."

Indiana and Ohio went to Washington with, what you might call doubleheaders. Indiana had her Knox and her Elbert to care for; Ohio had her Green and her Smith. All of these men, it is alleged, had the Recordership's bee is buzzing in their bonnets. Now in the nature of things the President could not give all of these very worthy exponents of Republicanism what their hearts were set on. It was thought and held that Green had the call, having simply to indicate his preference. This looked reasonable when the situation is reviewed. But as we intimated before, there was Smith, fresh from the legislature and victory, fresher than Green from the Senate, who had to be reckoned with. Smith disclaimed all knowledge of a candidacy for the place, but rumor is not always a lieing jade. So political wisdom allowed Ohio to pass when the first place apportioned to the "contingency" was up for consideration. Ohio has yet hopes in both Green and Smith for political preferment. Indiana allowed the Ohio situation to be reproduced in the persons of Knox and Elbert, both stalwarts and yeomans in the party's service. They concluded at the great wind up, simultaneously, that nothing short of the very much coveted prize could repay them for time, energy and influence spent in the party's behalf. It is rather unfortunate that these men did not exercise their political acumen or sagacity, for which they are known, in the coalescing of their forces and hopes. But let by gones be by gones. The fact of it is that these men held and stubbornly to the last—until the old maxium came to their relief, which reads: "United we stand, divided we fall." Mr. McKinley was still in a plight when Indiana was presented and perforce of circumstances she was compelled to follow Ohio—faithful in life, faithful in death. It may be said by the way of hope, that in the many minor offices, consulships, etc., Indiana may yet loom up. Who can tell? Thirdly and lastly, but not "leastly," it is held that Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, is a rare avis, having been elected by the assistance of Populists and Democrats as a Republican Senator, consequently a very tender article. It is held that the margin in the Senate is so frightfully slim that half a man could balk legislation and confirmations. So Senator Pritchard is a very desirable quantity, hence his slightest "Jovian" nod must be heeded or else there will be a man overboard. This is, however, the merest rumor, which can in no way invalidate Mr. Cheatham's appointment or confirmation, which was so much desired by Senator Pritchard. All may work for the best.

The second Conference with reference to the colored population in our cities, will be held at the Atlanta University, May 25-26. Facts relating to the pepical and sanitary condition of the people will be presented and discussed. Among the speakers who will take part are: Gov. Atkinson and Mayor Collier, Pres. Bumstead. Prof. Eugene Harris, of Fisk University, Bishop L. H. Holsey, of Atlanta, L. M. Hershaw, of Washington, Dr. S. P. Lloyd, of Savannah, Dr. R. F. Boyd, of Nashville; Dr. A. J. Love, of Chattanooga; Dr. H. R. Butler, of Atlanta; Rev. J. E. Smith, of Chattanooga; Rev. H. H. Proctor, of Atlanta, Miss Lucy Laney, of Augusta; Mrs. Adella Hunt Logan, of Tuskegee; Mrs. Dinah Watts Pace, of Covington; and Mrs. Georgia Swift King, of Atlanta

### THE TURKS IN EVIDENCE.

War has ceased in the East. Greece will be spared further humiliation by her ancient enemy, the Turk, through the intervention of the powers. The Sultan desires Thessaly as a part of his indemnity, but as much as the powers object to the dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire, owing to their jealousies concerning their apportionment, they are not apt to concede the hated Turks the right to one more foot of ground than she possesses. The world is too well acquainted with the fanatics to give them again the taste for "blood" Destiny forms a large part of the Mohammedan Creed, if they should suddenly feel that fate had ordained them to annihilate the "Christian dogs," and that a Muezzin should stand in sight of London bridge and call to prayers from a minaretted mosque on the site of St. Paul's, the chances are that the "unspeakable" would make a mad plunge towards the realization of their dreams.

There are rumors of war from the political field of Ohio. Marcus Aurelius Hanna, John P. Green, Harry C. Smith and George A. Myers are the principals.

The President has recommended an appropriation of $50,000 for the relief of the American sufferers in Cuba. The country at large will endorse the Presidents suggestions, if all the reports of suffering are true.

The Livingstone College, of Salisbury, N. C., will have its baccalaurate sermon by Bishop I. C. Clinton, D. D., at its fifteenth annual commencement May 23.

The American Guide, of Little Rock, Ark., interviewed Judge Gibbs, who has returned to that city after a sojourn of six weeks in Washington, D. C. The Judge says that the President is not much of a promiser, but he sticks to what he does promise. The Judge says the President will not send him to Hayti, but he intimates that he will be sent abroad. So it may be safe to say that Judge Gibbs is slated.

Hon. H. P. Cheatham, of North Carolina, has been appointed to succeed C. H. J. Taylor, as Recorder of Deeds at Washington, D. C. The appointment from a personal standpoint is a good one, but from a political standpoint it is far too early to determine just what effect the appointment will have.

### TEXAS AS A MORAL MEMBER.

Dave Cotton, Henry Williams and Sabe Stewart. were taken from the officers of the law and hanged, on the night of the 13th inst. at Rosebud, Tex. They had been confined in the jail for several days on a charge of attempt rape, their intended victim being a daughter of William Coates, white. Williams made a confession. Deputy Constable Wilson had put a strong guard around the jail after the confession. Everything was quiet until about 12 o'clock at night, when a number of men heavily disguised rode up to the jail and demanded the prisoners. The guards refused to deliver them and the men retired saying they would blow the jail up with dynamite or have the prisoners. Immediately the officers and guards summoned an omnibus and entered it with their prisoners, leaving by a roundabout route to Martin, hoping to reach Post Oaks in time to elude the mob. When about three miles of here they were overtaken by about one thousand masked men, who overpowered them, took the prisoners and hanged them to a tree, after which the mob quietly retired. Their intended victim identified one of them and his confession implicated the others.

So runs the lie. It is more than conjecture that this omnibus scheme was a scheme merely- It was simply a well concocted plan to place these suffering devils into the hands of these more hellish convoys. As to this attempt at raping incident, it does not look natural that three stalwart men attempted to rape any one. It is one more of Texas' diabolical offerings to humanity, and a shabby affair it is. It has been hinted and spoken out that if Texas could be dropped out of the Union, that the moral tone of the country would jump fifty per cent. Be this as it may we could well dispense with Texas.

It seems that after all that the much berated Senator Tillman is not such a monster according to current newspaper talk. A few months ago he was scored most unmercifully by the same gentlemen of the press for what was considered his insane utterances. To-day he is the man, owing to his denunciation of Senators who are alleged speculators in sugar, which commodity was likely to have its price increased or lessened by the assistance of their votes.

Three Negro girls were lynched in Jeff, Ala., last week. They were accused of poisoning a family of white people. It was just such a provoking case that called forth the violent utterances of Bishop Turner. He may yet live to see the day when his stern advice will become the hope and refuge.

The Freeman through the courtesy of Hon. R. T Greener is the very grateful recipient of an official program of the exercises at the dedication of the monument of Gen. U. S. Grant, a piece of cloth from the catafalque in which his remains were conveyed to its temporary tomb August 8, 1885, and a grand-stand ticket as a souvenir of the grand demonstration in his memory, Tuesday April 27, 1897. The Freeman will treasure these mementoes, which are made so very valuable by association.

### Hons. H. C. Smith and G. L. Knox.

The jolly, good-natured gentleman, staunch, untiring Republican and scholarly editor of the Cleveland, O., Gazette, H. C. Smith, is being strongly urged for appointment to the fourth auditorship of the United States treasury, and will, in all likelihood, get the place. He deserves that or something equally as good.

Excepting Hon. Geo. L. Knox of The Indianapolis Freeman. no journalist of whatever race did more than H C. Smith and the Gazette toward the nomination and election of the present administration. Both The Freeman and Gazette are powerful, fearless and sincere mediums through which the ablest men and women of the world influence our people everywhere. The race recognizes Messrs. Smith and Knox as leaders in the journalistic world, and we shall all rejoice in their wishes being gratified. They are both able and worthy.

Hon. Geo. L. Knox is popular in this city and state, as past honors attest. Hon. H. C. Smith's election to the house of representatives of the 71st and 72nd general assemblies of Ohio, and his pluralities at the elections in November of 1893 and 1895, more than eight and ten thousand respective, attest his popularity, notwithstanding the harpings of jealous rivals. The Forum doffs its hat to able men, journals and journalists, everywhere, but don't yer fergit dat we're in it too.—The Forum.

### Bargain Hunters.

Montreal, Canada, Special.

The sale of unclaimed baggage at the Canadian Pacific Station last week, brought out a large crowd of hunters of bargains, the articles offered for sale were numerous and varied more than is usually the case, consisting of no fewer than 350 pieces all told. These included two sample cases of furs containing collars, capes, caps, and etc., which had gone astray in shipment and had been made good to the owner by the railway company. They were sold to I. Davis and son for $525, and found them to be worth over a thousand dollars. The remainded of the baggage sold was composed of trunks, valises and other miscellaneous packages. These were sold in groups of three and fours and the purchasers took chances on drawing prizes in their contents. There were some prizes, but there were more blanks. The most fortunate one of the many was Rev. Hatter of London, Ont., who bought a delapidated trunk for $2.50 which contained over a hundred pieces of very fine old silver ware of every discription. He sold a part of the lot which brought him $75 dollars. Rev. Hatter is now on his way to conference in Missouri. Mrs. Ruben Crocker has returned from the East, where she has been visiting relatives. Mr. Geo. Lions was in the city this week. There are quite a number of strange gentlemen in the city seeking employment. every one wants to be a C. P. R. railway man.

# HENRY P. CHEATHAM.

On last Tuesday the president sent in the name of H. P. Cheatham, ex-congressman from North Carolina. for Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. The home rule cry of the Washington boys was knocked into a cocked hat—The American Guide.

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It seems certain that the Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, has to tread the plank in a very few days and that Cheatham of North Carolina is the coming man.—The New South.

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Ex-Congressman Cheatham of N. C., has been appointed Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia. While we favored John L. Waller as our choice, yet we congratulate Mr. Cheatham on his success and acquieces in the appointment as it went to a representative colored man.—Iowa State Bystander.

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The friends of Prof. John M. Langston are pushing him for appointment to the District Commissionership. The colored people should have one of the commissioners, and Prof. Langston is a good man for the place.—Ex.

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The ice has been broken in the black man's favor about the White House and a black man has stumbled into an office, the lucky one being the Hon. Mr. Cheatham of North Carolina, who succeeds Chas. H. J. Taylor as Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, We found it necessary some weeks ago to call President McKinley's attention to the fact that the black man was being slighted, and we are now more than pleased to see that the black man has found the secret bridge about the executive mansion Others can now follow.—The Parsons Weekly Blade.

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The agony is over as to who is the president's choice for the position of Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. Ex-Congressman Cheatham is the man. It is given out that the political eunuchs of Washington will combine to prevent his confirmation, but it is quite likely they will find themselves disappointed as they are in the first stage of battle. The average North Carolina politician, colored or white, is not easily headed off. This is the first important office to which a colored man has been appointed under the present administration.—The American Presbyterian

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And now the news comes from Washington that President McKinley has decided to give to his colored fellow citizens only three important appointments and that he has selected as the persons on whom he will bestow these favors, Ex Senator Bruce, Ex-Congressman Cheatham and Hon. John P. Green, of Cleveland, O. Mr. Cheatham has already been appointed Recorder of Deeds. These gentlemen are all able and worthy of appointment and will fill such positions as shall be given them with credit. If, however, of the many colored applicants these gentlemen alone receive important appointments "there'll be trouble in the amen corner and a mighty heap o'trouble too!"—Odd Fellows Journal.

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The appointment of Ex-Congressman Cheatham to the office of Recorder of Deeds should meet the hearty approval of all sections. There was quite a number of prominent men in the race from all various sections of the country. Some had to be left and we are of the opinion that the president made no mistake when he decided to name a southern man in the person of Mr. Cheatham.—The Enterprise.

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The exs' are in it. Ex-Minister Taylor goes out and ex-Congressman Cheatham comes in.—Colored American.

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The President has nominated ex-Congressman Henry P. Cheatham for Recorder of Deeds to succeed Charles High Jinks Taylor of Kansas, Mo.—Washington Bee.

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As had been prognosticated several weeks ago, ex-Congressman Cheatham of North Carolina, would be the next Recorder of Deeds. We extend our palm.—Ex.

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Mr. Cheatham of North Carolina has been appointed Recorder of Deeds at Washington and now W. Calvin Chase and other "home rule" fanatics can go out into their back yards, kick and howl until they learn that the District of Columbia is apart of the national government.—National Protest.

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The first appointment of a colored man under this administration goes to North Carolina. The President has appointed ex-Congressman Cheatham, of that state to be Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. There were more colored candidates for this place than for any other one place within the gift of the President.—The Statesman.

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North Carolina has secured first blood in the recognition of the colored brother by the administration, by the appointment of ex-Congressman Henry P. Cheatham in place of C. H. J. Taylor who was appointed by Mr. Cleveland, removed.—Savannah Tribune.

# COMING CHILDREN'S DAY.

### Sermon to the Order of Moses—Deaths in our Midst—Pastor and Bride Return Home—Notes, Etc.

Berkley, Va., Special.

The services at the Ninth Street Baptist church Sunday last were both grand and impressive, the occasion being a special sermon preached to the Order of Moses by Rev. W. J. Powell. The choir rendered choice music. Children's day will be observed by all the churches, which are now preparing rich programs for the event. We extend our sympathy to Abner Nash, who lost his wife recently. She was a christian lady and a loving wife. The funeral of Miss Mary Turner. who died since last we wrote, took place at the Sixth Street A. M. E. church and was preached by Rev. I. L. Butt. She was a gentle young lady and a christian. Three brothers, one sister and a mother survive her. The pulpit of the First Baptist church was filled by Rev. Walter Wright last Sabbath, who preached an able sermon. He is young man of Portsmouth, and recently graduated from the Baptist College of Richmond, Va. A. B. Garler has been elected superintendent of St. Paul Baptist Sunday school, and will be installed next Sabbath. He is an able young man. We notice a Mr. Johnson in town canvassing for the Recorder, a paper printed in Norfork. A. B. Williams of Berley avenue who has been confined to his bed for three weeks, is now convalescent. Our young townsman, Lewis M. Paige has opened a fine billiard parlor and saloon on the corner of 10th and Liberty streets. His building and lot was purchased at a cost of more than $2500 J. W. Wells of Suppack, was the contractor and builder. The workmanship is admired by all. Mrs. Mary P. Banks has opened a restaurant and ice cream parlor on Walker avenue near Eight street. Mr. Ralph Palmer of Thirteenth street who has been a sufferer for over two months with rheumatism is recovering Rev. Sulton E Griggs, B D., and his bride has arrived from their bridal tour and are receiving the hearty congratulations of friends. They visited Salem, Roanoke, Washington and other places. The friends of Hon, H P. Cheatham are glad over his nomination and confirmation as Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia. Subscribe for The Freeman friends, and help to have as good a newspaper as is published in the country. We are glad to add four more subscribers to our list.

A. E. Robinson.

### Personal Notes.

Lafayette, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Albert Smith is visiting in South Bend. Rev. Leonard of Danville will occupy the pulpit at the Second Baptist church Sunday. Miss Grace Jones spent Sunday in Crawfordsville. Several visitors attended the banquet Wednesday. Miss Maggie Norvel who was quite ill is able to be out again. There will be a rally at the A. M. E. church June 10. A drama, "Captured" will be given by the young people of the A. M. E. church for the benefit of the Sunday school. Mr. Bell of Frankfort spent Sunday here. Thomas Wilson has returned from Chicago.

### A Brilliant Affair.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Rev. Dr. Townsend of the Allen Temple A. M. E. church preached an eloquent sermon on last Sunday to a large attendance. Rev. Cheek filled the pulpit of Zion Baptist church last Sunday at 11 a. m., and Rev. Dr. Smith of Montgomery, W. Va., at 8 p. m. Theme 'The Kingdom of all Kingdoms'' which was eloquent and instructive. The St. Andrew Literary held on last Thursday was quite interesting, one of its leading features was a paper by Miss Ermine Belle, subject, "How to better the condition of St Andrews Literary Society" which was highly applauded given to the audience for discussion It contained many rich thoughts and reflected much credit upon the society and the writer. The literary will convene every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the St. Andwews Chapel corner Seventh and Walnut streets. Dr. R. E. Wilson of the St. John A. M. E. Zion church filled his pulpit on last Sunday with good attendance. He has one of the best choirs in the city. The Zion Baptist church has post-poned their May fair until the 24th, which promises to eclipse all others previously given. Music and literary will be rendered by the Zion Baptist Young Peoples Literary Society. the Kings Daughters and Sons and the various church clubs. Mr. Harry West, one of Cincinnati's enterprising men, who is traveling with Uncle Tom's Cabin company was in the city last week. His company played at the Grand Opera House. His many friends were glad to see him. The May fairs given last week by the various churches were all successes.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams of Cumminsville was the scene of a brilliant affair last Monday evening, the occasion being a delightful stag party given by Mr. Charlton Williams in honor of Mr. A. Z. Jones, who will soon leave for Detroit. Songs, recitations and instrumental solos were the order of the evening, after which an eloquent repast was served. The bles being very artistically arranged added much to the pleasure and beauty of the room. Toasts were responded to by all. Those present were A. Z. Jones of Louisville the guest of honor John Burse also of Louisville; Henry Martin of Indianapolis; J. G. Brookins of Lexington; H. C. Williams, Mr. S. Hill, Mr. Nathan Barnes, W. A. Lewis and J. C. Williams who acted as toast master. The musicians were Messrs. Scales, Perkins and McDonald. Henry Martin of Indianapolis, is enjoying a very pleasent visit here. Mrs, Eliza Carter and Mrs. Mary Taylor spent Sunday in Ripley visiting Mrs. Amanda Evans. Mrs. Cora Cox has been visiting her daughter, Beatrice, who is teaching school in Chattanooga, returned home this week.

Beautiful eyes grow dull and dim
As the swift years steal away.
Beautiful, willowy forms so slim
Lose fairness with every day.
But she still is queen and hath charms to spare
Who wears youth's coronal—beautiful hair.

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# FOR FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

### Special Service in Smmerfield M. E. Church Last Week—The Good Work Among the People.

Milwaukee, Wis., Special.

Mrs. G. Whitman and Mrs. A. V. Rainey have returned from St. Louis. Mrs. J. M. Parks has recovered and is out again. R. J. DeCofield has gone to Chicago. Wm. Rountree has returned from Indianapolis where he has been visiting his mother. The May party of the Coterie Club to be given May 25th bids fair to be a success. Rev. A. A. Burleigh preached two excellent sermons Sunday; his evening text was, "Beloved now are we the sons of God." The Y. P. S. C. E. will hold their May party the last of this month. The St. Marks Literary Society published an entertaining program for next Thursday evening comprising several interesting papers and a debate. Mrs. Lizzie Bruce is very sick. Mrs. Waldron's little daughter died last week. We are sorry to hear of the illness of Rev. Geo A. Brown at the home of his mother at Washington, D. C.

Presiding Elder John spoke in Summerfield M. E church last week on the Freedman's Aid Society. There was a large attendance and the collection for the benefit of the organization was a substantial one. Among those present was Richard B. Montgomery, who has taken up missionary work in this city and state for the benefit of the colored people. Mr. Montgomery is associated with the Rev. J. B. Odeam in this field. Mr. Montgomery also represents The Freeman, published at Indianapolis Ind., which presents in the last issue a portrait and biographical sketch of W. T. Green of Milwaukee. It also speaks of the good work being done here among the colored people by the Rev. J. D. Odeam and his wife. Rev. J. B. Odeam of Salem Baptist church delivered an elegant sermon to his congregation Sunday. His text was 15th chapter of St. John and the 25th verse, "They hated me without a cause," which was most wonderfully explained to his congregation. Well may the colored people be proud of having such a wonderful man as Mr. Odeam. Our Sunday school is in a prosperous condition. Mrs. Dr. A. L. Herron paid a most welcome and hearty visit to our Sabbath school and delivered an address. Mrs. Herron, is one of the brightest and most intelligent ladies in the state of Wisconsin. Another thing Milwaukee may be proud of is Dr. Herron who is kept busy all the time. The white people say that the Freeman is one of the greatest papers of its kind. Mrs. Geo. Bruce is very low at this writing.

$1—CINCINNATI EXCURSION—$1.

On Sunday, May 23d, the C., H. & D. Ry. will run an excursion to Cincinnati for $1.00 for the round trip. All resorts are open. National League Base Ball Game, Cincinnati vs. Brooklyn. Special fast train making no local stops, will leave Indianapolis Union Station at 7:15 a. m. Tickets at 2 W. Washington St., corner Meridian, and Union Station. George W. Hayler, D. P. A.

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## M'ADAMS SCHOOL CLOSED.

### Through the Drenching Rain the Multitudes Gathered to Witness the Exercises—Picnics Galore.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The leading event of the week was the closing exercises of the McAdams schools. Notwithstanding it rained almost incessantly during the evening, a good audience was present, including several white ladies and gentlemen. It was the general opinion that no finer program has been heard in Shelbyville. Hon. S. A. McElwee, of Nashville, delivered the address. He was at his best and fully sustained his reputation as an orator of the first rank. A prominent ex-judge said it was as fine an address as he had ever heard. Miss Lillie Davis graduated from the secondary course. Her subject was, "The Evolution of the Sister in Black." Her essay was carefully prepared and was well received. Suspended on the wall were articles of fancy work, crocheting, etc., the work of the pupils of Mrs. McAdams' school, which they prepared for the centennial. Her musical pupils furnished several instrumental solos. The Mozart society rendered valuable aid. The patrons of the school are loud in their praisees, and another year will add many to the rolls. After the program ninety-four invited guests repaired to Gosling's hall where Hon. S. A. McElwee was banqueted. Thus ended one of the most pleasant exercises of the year.

Rev. J. W. Richmond closed his revival with fourteen accessions. On last Sabbath Rev. Richmond preached the annual sermon to the Daughters of Zion. Those present say it was a grand effort. Rev. Richmond has been invited to preach the annual sermon to the Masons. In fact he has preached every annual sermon that has been preached this year, an evidence of his great popularity. Rev. B. A. J. Nixon will baptize to-morrow. The A. M. E. Sunday school will give a May Pole and picnic soon. The Mt. Zion Baptist church christened Thompson's new hall this week with a centennial drill and festival. It was a decided success. R. P. Purdy is at home. J. J. McElroy is spending a few days at home. S. S. Medaris passed through town last week, accompanied by Miss B. C. Trail. The first picnic of the season was given by the girls' school last Saturday. Losson Evans died in Nashville and his remains were brought home. A large concourse of people attended the funeral services. He was a model young man and well thought of. George Miller's wife was buried this week. The benevolent society had decoration exercises last Sunday at their grave yard. Brief addresses were made by Revs. J. W. Richmond, B. A, J. Nixon and H. E. Harris. The grave yard presents a neat appearance, and reflects great credit on the society. Prof. McAdams will preach for Rev. Richmond next Sunday evening. Miss Maggie Stubbs is succeeding nicely in her work. Mrs. Mary J. Anderson is in Nashville on business. Mrs. Dr. Turner has returned from the springs much improved. Intelligence has reached here of the death of Israel McAdams, of Ft. Scott, Kansas, a former resident of this place. Many regret his death.

### The Best Way to Keep Posted.

South Bend, Ind., Special.

Police Oscar Christenson was buried Sunday. Detective Jas Mullaney was held for the sum of $10,000 for the murder of Mr. Christenson. The Baptist church was well attended Sunday. Mr. Bassett the State S. S. superintendent, addressed the Sunday school. Mrs. Hall fell from a step-ladder and injured herself. James S. Mitchell, 223 N. Birdsell street, is making extensive improvements on his residence, and will be the finest in the city owned by colored. The trustees of the Mt. Zion Baptist church are painting their windows. Wm. Bradly has opened a barber shop on Listen street. If you want to keep posted, read The Indianapolis Freeman, and you will find out the drift of the Negro and his progression as a race.

### The Bishop Payne Club.

Columbus, O., Special.

The Bishop Payne Club of St. Paul A. M. E. church gave a social Thursday night. The different clubs of that church are making a great effort for their grand rally Sunday. Mr. Preston Banister was buried from his home in Third street Saturday. Mrs. Smith of Chestnut street is on the sick list. Mrs. J. H. Jackson of West Naughten street, is on the sick list. Mrs. B. Fields has gone to Chicago. Her husband will soon join her there where they will reside. John Redmon, an ex-soldier, died suddenly Saturday, and was buried Monday. McKinley house arrivals: James Jones, Sidney; William Jackson, Henry James, Lancaster, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Athens. J. L. Smith was the successful applicant for janitor under the new collector of customs of their district, and other colored men who were promised the aid of prominent Republicans were turned down.

## "SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

Our "Bosom-fed Friend's" friend has "vamped."

The tribe that congregates at "Hayes' corner" in Indiana avenue Sunday nights is growing to be a nuisance.

This grand old world of ours is infested with a lot of egotistic, parsimonious, self-conceited chronic kickers who can see nothing laudable or praiseworthy in anything unless they are primarily the instigator of its origin.

That blooming "bloomer girl" with a sweater was out on her pesky bicycle last Sunday, and she "wobbled" along the boulevard at a scorching rate. She attracted more attention than Barnum's circus, and to add to her already writhing, wriggling form, she chewed gum and whistled.

Then another woman with skirts too much abreviated, proved to be another unpleasant sight among those a-wheel. It may be a little difficult to judge one's own appearance wheel-riding, and for this perplexity, we would advise the woman cyclist to hang a mirror on her back-yard fence, and thus see herself as others see her, and which may save her of considerable unfavorable comment. Women wheeling naturally attract attention, and too much care and study cannot be given to what to wear when a-wheel.

The picnic season is now on, and in a few Sundays the pious pastor will announce from the sacred pulpit in thundering tones the Sunday-basket-meeting-picnic to some shady grove, robed in nature's green, with sparkling pools "to worship the Lord—one fare round trip." Thus the pulpit thoughtlessly, exercises a means to retard and obstruct progression, and cause privation and destitution in many homes.

### Closing of the Norwood School.

The closing exercises of school No. 5, Norwood, Miss Ada B. Harris, principal, with Misses Grace Lucas and Ella Johnson, assistants, held its closing exercises Thursday morning. Trustee Makepiece and Supervisor Landis were present, and complimented Miss Harris upon the excellent work of her pupils, six having passed 8A grade, and are now ready for High school. They are: Hattie and Jessie Coffee, Escue Trabue, Mable Miller, Otis Mayes, and Esker Trabue. The school, accompanied by their teachers, parents and friends, spent Friday picnicing at Garfield Park.

### ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Rev. J. C. Irwin delivered an excellent sermon last Sunday morning. The church is very proud of Bro. Irwin.

There were six accessions to the church last Sunday—Mrs. Sadie Harris, Wm. Coleman, Seymour Steels, John Anderson, Mary Moore and Annie Beard.

J. H. Baptist has taken the contract to remodel the church. The work will begin the first of the week.

Preparations are being made by the Missionary Society of our church to entertain the delegates of the State Convention in June.

The sermon on the "Character of Jezebel" delivered by Rev. A L. Murray last Sunday evening was excellent, and many useful lessons may be drawn by those who heard it.

The church and Sunday school will give their annual picnic at Bethany Park June 25.

Every member and friend of Allen Chapel should be present next Sunday morning to hear the plans inaugurated by the pastor for raising $1,000 on July 25. The undertaking demands immediate action.

Geo. Underwood is on the sick list.

### CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

An attentive congregation listened to an excellent sermon by Rev. Blackshear last Sunday morning. In the evening Rev. Puller conducted services.

The Sunday school at 9:30 continues to increase. Come out and spend the Sunday mornings with us.

The Ladies' Aid Society met in the church Thursday evening. This band of workers is doing much good in the church, and should be encouraged.

Mrs. C. A. Webb, Mrs. Lathers, Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Turner are among the indisposed members.

The two week's revival meeting has closed, with several accessions. The church is in good condition.

Our Sunday school will attend the Marion Baptist S. S. meeting to be held at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday May 30 at 2:30 p. m.

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### SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Services were well attended last Sabbath all day. Dr. Carr preached at 11 a. m., and Rev. M. Nye, the converted Jew at 8 p. m. Collection $47.

The joint meeting of the East End Boquet Circle Excelsior and the Men's Puritan Social Club was held last Tuesday evening, subject "Resolved, That man will not transcend his words of limitation," was discussed. Affirmative, Mrs. L. J. Davis, I. Griffin, G. W. Gregory and John Marshall; negative, Mr. Winlock, Mrs. G. W. Boyer, Mrs. Amanda Davis and Mrs. Lizzie Brown. The meeting was largely attended. The Ladies' Excelsior Circle meets each Wednesday at 8 p. m. at the church. Refreshments served free.

The Orinoco Circle was entertained by Mrs. S. C. Peters, subject, "Resolved, That money is more beneficial to man than character," was logically discussed by Messrs. W. M. Franklin, John Quinn, affirmative; O. Tyree and B. McWilliams, negative.

The Central Literary Society is growing in interest.

Subject for next Sunday, "The king asked for prayer."

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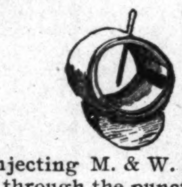

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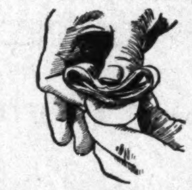

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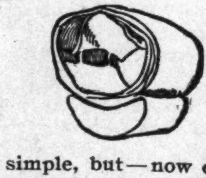

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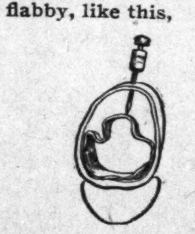

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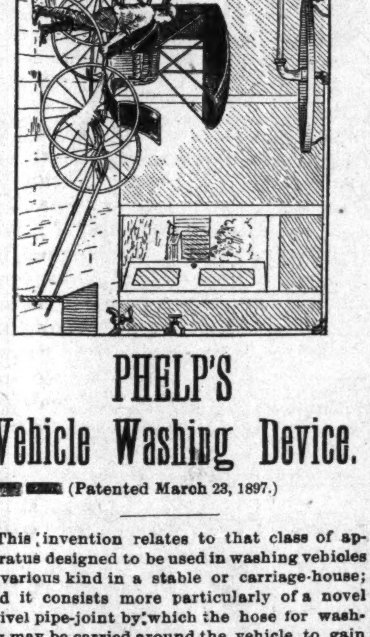

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(Patented March 23, 1897.)

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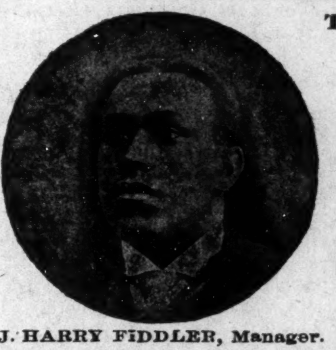

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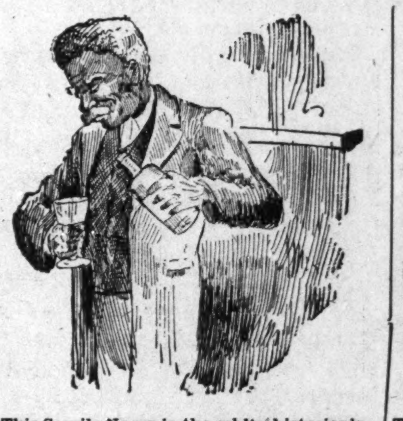

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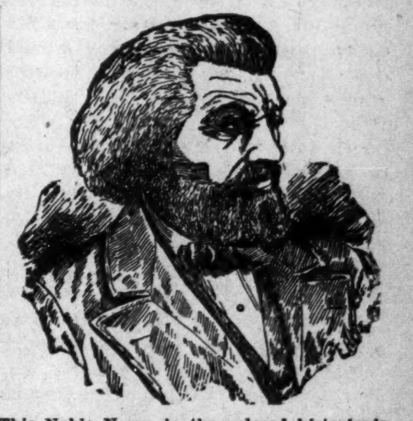

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# NEGRO IN TRUTH AND FICTION

## CAUSE OF MANY MISAPPREHENSIONS CONCERNING THE RACE.

### A Tendency to Make the Negro Ridiculous—A New Life Reveals Itself—Peculiarly Interesting in New Orleans—Another's Views.

From The Chicago Times-Herald.

We are very often told that the complaining spirit of the colored race is one of its exclusive weaknesses. That if the race could see things at a long range and could be a little more philosophic it would be much happier and would certainly create less annoyance by its constant complaints.

I am often asked why I do not speak or write upon some other theme than the one involving always a consideration of the colored people of America, and I am sometimes, not so gently, told, that there are other themes within the range of those who would write for the public quite as interesting. The answer to all this is very easy. Whether we will or not we are always placed upon the defensive. It is not because we are too sensitive, but rather because there much at which to complain. Take the ordinary newspaper correspondent, for example. The sight of a Negro seems always to excite his risibilities. The temptation to put the colored race in a ridiculous light is too strong to resist. There is always much material to make smart and funny reading. Those writers who treat the race lightly and more or less humorously are much more numerous than those who are serious and sympathetic. Such writers help to give the race a bad character. Writing from New Orleans recently, a correspondent of The Times-Herald aptly shows the sort of writing that accounts for the anxiety felt by every colored man or woman to help to correct the low estimate placed on the race by those who see only the ridiculous side of the Negro character. According to the impressions of this correspondent, "laziness, immorality and indifference to education" appear to be the make-up of the "average Negro." The Negro minstrels could not well exceed this exaggeration of the weaknesses of an unfortunate people.

What the correspondent saw and wrote many have been true, but not to a greater extent than the same generalization would be true of the inhabitants of the slum districts of Chicago or any other northern community. What was described as the New Orleans Negro was only a small part of the truth concerning the condition of the colored people in that city, and that the least interesting part. From a recent experience and knowledge of the people of that city, I am satisfied that this correspondent's opinion would have been much more respectful had she known more about them. In no community of the South are the colored people more interesting than in New Orleans. There is a certain foreign flavor about them that is at once noticeable and peculiarly interesting. They partake freely of the distinct foreignism that is peculiar to New Orleans people generally. There are few of them who cannot speak the French language as easily and fluently as if it were their native tongue. If this language be a mere "patois" of pretended creoles it is very easily understood and answered in kind by their whiter neighbors. They are not only like their white fellow citizens in their language, but also in the gayety of temperament, polish of manners and sprightliness of personality so characteristic of the French. The French quality of their characteristics and the equality spirit of the Roman Catholic church make the separation between whites and blacks less rigid in New Orleans than in any other part of the South. Colored catholics are welcome on terms of equality to any Catholic altar, a thing that is simply intolerable in any Protestant church South. There is here also a colored order of sisterhood, the only one in the country, except that at Baltimore. These sisters have charge of a convent and orphan asylum, conducted with the elaborate ceremonials of the typical convent. The charge of "laziness" is another favorite description by that class of writers who excite our complaints. A certain allowance is always made for the lack of energy and continuous thrift among people living in a warm climate. It will not be claimed that the colored race in the hot lands of the southern states are the best workers in the world, but the characterization of them as a "lazy race" is an unreasonable exaggeration. When it is remembered that all the cotton of this country is raised in the South, and that the cotton production alone exceeds in value any other single American product of labor and that its entire cultivation is done by Negro labor, the force of the charge of laziness is much weakened. Statistics show that the results of free Negro labor in the South greatly exceed in value the results of slave labor.

I, too, have watched the unlovely stevedores along the wharves waiting the arrival of a cargo. I suppose it is true that while they are thus waiting they are lazy and blissfully indifferent to the three or four magnificent colored universities located on some of the finest avenues of the city. But our correspondent would have been started into a different opinion could she have seen these same "lazy and ragged Negroes" spring into life and activity at the sight of a cargo. They begin to work with a tremendous energy and with a precision, efficiency and cheerfulness that disproves the idea that they would rather sleep on a bale of cotton than move it for pay. In this way there can easily be found a contradiction to the damaging stories and insinuations that so persistently float through the curren writings of press and magazine Things seen on the streets and along the road sides of the South that provoke so many damaging estimates of the race are the mere outer fringes of social conditions, Working out of the awful degradation of slavery there are interesting evidences of intelligent thrift, appreciation of educational advantages, and a refinement of moral sense. The schools and colleges are all crowded. Accumulations of property are going on, and social differences are everywhere in process of giving character to society.

The Negro race in the South is far from submitting lazily to the easy conditions of soil and climate, and to the hostilities of the dominant race. For every black man that is lazy and shiftless there are a dozen at work in the fields and trades. For every unfortunate example of immorality, that excites the sneer, rather than the pity of our fair correspondent, there are a hundred mothers whose lives are sanctified by all the ordinances of legitimate marriage and all the precious instincts of motherhood. The ragged children on the street and roadsides are not so many evidences of indifference to education as they are too frequently evidences of a need of schools for their training. In short, one's estimate of the colored people in the South depends altogether upon one's point of view. There is much that seems depressing until the light of the new life among them reveals the wonderful achievements of only thirty years of effort toward self-emancipation.

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### The Monkey's Conduct.

She walked into a country store
To purchase sour pickles;
While she was smiling at the clerk
The monkey stole her cycle.

She forthwith come and stood amazed,
The boys began to smile;
Her handsome little plated wheel
Had almost sped a mile.

She stopped along the country road
To reason and to think;
But the "monk" had gone to Pleasantville
And pledged it for a drink.

### Disagreement.

The preacher vigorously shook his pointed finger and said: "Brethren and sisters, he who runs may read."

Blind member (quickly)—"That's not so, Bro. Jones, because I can out run you and can't read a word."

### Exceptional Father.

Prof. of Physiology to students—"The heart is of utmost importance to the human being; without the heart, man could not exist.

Student (hesitatingly)—"I disagree, professor, because my father is a butcher, and he hasn't had no heart for nearly two weeks."

### Prefers Slow Method.

Landlady (scornfully)—"Get out of my yard, sir; didn't I tell you not to come again? Fourth time this week."

Tramp (persuasively)—"But—er—er—madam—

Landlady (angrily)—"But—er—er—nothing, sir! You good for nothing thing, you ought to go and commit suicide!

Tramp (shaking his head)—Oh, no! no! no! Madam! No suicide in mine. Trampism is a sure method, but somewhat slower.

### Wanted a Change.

English Tramp (to elevator boy)—"See here lad, what kind of a blooming thing do you call this?"

Elevator Boy (politely)—"This is an elevator."

E. T. (surprisingly)—"A what?"

E. B. (slowly)—"An ll-e-va-tor."

E. T.—"Cum off lad—what air you trying to give me?"

E. B. (smilingly)—"That's quite right sir; it elevates you—it raises you upwardly."

E. T. (excitingly surprised)—"Does it? May I give the blooming thing a trial? I've been tramping long enough."

### Prompt Recognizance.

Cultured Daughter—"Papa, is it properly polite to speak only to people that you know."

Father (advisingly)—"Yes, daughter, never speak to men that you do not know."

Cultured Daughter (thoughtlessly)—"Well, papa, I know Old John, the low down drunkard, must I speak to him?"

### Bright Class.

Teacher (to class)—"See this grain of corn?"

Class (loudly)—"Yes'm!"

Teacher—"If I divide this grain of corn into two equal parts what is each part called?"

Class (respondingly quick)—"One half."

Teacher—"That's right. If I divide one half into two equal parts, what is each part called?"

Class—"One-fourth."

Teacher—"If I divide one-fourth into two equal parts what is each part called?"

Class—"One-eighth."

Teacher—"What a bright class. Now if I divide one-eighth into two equal parts what is each part called?"

Class—No response.

Teacher—Any one?

John Bully (quickly)—"Meal."

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'Twas on a bright mid-summer's morn,
The sun sent down its hottest ray,
And parched the blades of growing corn,
And turned the verdant grass to hay,
That old aunt Susan, hat in hand,
Rushed into 'Square Tatem's store;
('Twas in Virginia, understand,
In those bright days soon aft' the war,
When every vote was counted right,
When truth and justice had the sway,
And magistrates were black, not white;
Before ex-rebels had their way.)

"Oh! Br'er Tatem giv me quick,
Er warrant fur Glen Barney's ress;
Glen beat my gal wid dis ere stick,
An' throwed her down an' tored her dress,
An' rushed at me wid er big knife,
An' chased me 'round ther ole hog pen,
An' threatened fur ter take my life—
So Br'er Tatem, please ress Glen!"

It happened on that very day
The constable, young Frederick Bright,
Had called to pass the time away
In talking politics till night;
But when he heard aunt Susan tell
Of this wild out-laws thirst for gore,
The brave young fellows courage fell;
He quickly started for the door.

"Come back young man!" the justice cried,
("And you go home now, sister Brown."
The frightened officer replied:
"I can't, I've got to go to town
"Come back and serve this warrant, Bright,
You must not shrink from duty, Fred,
Find Barney if it takes all night,
And bring him here alive or dead.

I'll show that fellow be can't do
Just as he pleases while I'm aroun';
When he's in jail he'll sadly rue
The day he threatened Sister Brown."
Poor Freddy wished ten times or more
He'd stayed at home upon that morn,
Instead of coming to the store;
He also wished Glen ne'er was born.

He sadly read the warrant through:
June the 16th '72,
Virginia, County, Princess Anne.
"To Frederick Bright
"I here command"
(Which reads as near as rhyne can tell
"WHEREAS,
"One Glenmore Barney fell
Upon one Susan Brown with knife,
And threatened he would take her life,
And badly beat the plaintiff's daughter
Then threw her down in mud and water,
And otherwise did show his hate
For all the laws of this good state,
That I command you Frederick Bright,
To bring before me, here, to-night
The body of the said Glenmore,
Here to be tried as said by law,
With seal affixed my name you see,
MOSES TATEM, a
J. P."

So Freddy filled his pistols, three,
And took the hand cuffs from the store.
Got on his horse, with trembling knee,
And started out to find Glenmore.
(To the chieftain it may be,
Endless glory, as 'tis said
After fighting for the free,
To get a bullet in his head)

"Still, every sound made Freddy start,
As on he rode with bated breath,
Our hero knew, lead in the heart,
Meant only now a fameless death,
At last he reached the Taylor farm,
Where wicked Barney's deeds were done,
He threw the hand cuffs 'cross his arm
And cocked and primed his ready gun.

As up he rode, before him stood
A pretty maid, with yellow face,
And Fred cried out: "The wretch who would
Harm such beauty, doth disgrace
The name of man, and is a brute.
To drown him would polute much water,
And powder's wasted if I shoot—
For is this not aunt Susan's daughter?"

"Where is that Glenmore Barney, now?"
He yelled (for beauty made him brave,
"Where is the cur, for here I vow
To send him to a timely grave."
"My name is glen—Glendelia, sir,"
Replied the maid of golden hue,
"How dare you class me as a cur!"
"Why, you Glen Barney, is it true?"

He looked into her eyes of black
As there he sat on a steed of white,
Out went his heart; she sent her's back;
'Twas as of yore—love at first sight,
'Twas Maud again and country judge
Of school boy lore and world renown
"Rich repiner and household drudge,"
Our "Maud" is yellow; our "Judge" is brown

Law knows not love; love knows not law;
Still Fred remembered why he came,
So he resolved, without a flaw,
To do his duty just the same.
"Well Glen—that is, Miss Barney, I
Am very sorry it is true,
But tell the truth, the reason why
I came down here is after you.

This morning old aunt Susan Brown
Rushed into 'Square Tatem's store
And had him write this warrant down
Which puts you in the hands of law."
Here Frederick read the warrant through,
The maiden listened with a smile,
I beat her daughter it is true,
Because she called me names most vile."

"Then as my prisoner you must go
With me up to the Squire's store
Just tell him all the facts, you know,
And have no fear about the law,"
With arms akimbo, Miss Glen said,
The fire flashing in her eye,
"Before I'll go, I'll be shot dead,
I will resist until I die.

"What, go to court for old Aunt Sue,
And her old gal, Maria Brown?
I will not go, for them or you,
"Nor all the constables in town."
"But Glen you know the warrant said,
(I read it through without a flaw)
That I must take you live or dead,
You know dear girl that it is the law."

"I'll get a buggy for you, Glen,
And drive you with the utmost care;
Pray, for my sake, will you go then?
You'll come out right, so never fear.
Go for my sake, my pretty maid,
I vow you'll never go to jail;
Oh trust me, do not be afraid,
For I will freely stand your bail."

Glendelia smiled and so did Bright,
And then she said she'd go, but walk;
This gave the constable delight,
And also gave him time to talk,
So ere they reached Judge Tatem's store
The constable a story told,
The same old story as of yore,
A story that will ne'er grow old.

It only took five minutes' time.
Before the learned Justice read:
"Glendelia Barney did no crime,
When she resented what was said,
She only did the thing she should,
When she was called that wicked name;
Why, Sister Brown, I know you would,
And so would I, have done the same.

"The case's dismissed, the prisoner free,
This calling names is wicked sport;
The plaintiff loosing as you see,
Must settle all the costs of court,"
Tne constable walked off wiht Glen,
And here we might as well just say
Before we throw aside our pen,
He married her on Christmas day.

## THE CHARITY CIRCLE.

### An Imperative Need of Such an Organization in Every City—Plans for Such Work—Departments.

Could we not in every city, regardless of creed or denomination, add another to the numerous benevolent societies, in the form of a Young Peoples Charity Circle? Can we find enough brave, high souled christian young people who are willing to devote a part of their time and talent and some of their spending money, too, to such a work? It will take a brave self sacrificing band of christian workers to accomplish this, as the scope is broad, and the work of charity will imply much more than simply the giving of subscriptions of money for the benefit of the poor. It will call for our labor as well, and it must needs be a labor of love. In this work we want to perform the missions mentioned in Matt. 25: 35-36, the non-fulfillment of which we will be condemned at the Great Judgment Bar, according to the 41-42-43 verses of this same chapter. "Then shall he say unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was a hungered, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not."

We can only do these services for Christ by serving our fellow men here below of whom He has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." What greater encouragement could we desire than the assurance contained in the above quotation, to organize a society for the benefit of those who are less fortunate than we? The Charity Circle should be a non-sectarian organization, and not connected with any church, the membership should consist of young people from as many different churches as will take part. We want to have this an outside mission in which Christians from all denominations may unite. The Circle should have duly elected officers as other organizations have, with a hall or room in some building for a place of meeting. It should hold business meetings monthly and social or literary meetings oftener. Membership dues should be fixed, and paid monthly at the business meeting. The social or literary meeting will tend to stimulate the work, hence, the program should be something suitable and pertaining to that end. I am not attempting to give a Constitution and By-Laws, rules and regulations here. These can be arrenged as desired. I am simply suggesting the nature of a good work that might be carried on by our young people in addition to the few similar organizations now in existence, and giving my ideas as to conducting it. However, I will gladly furnish a form of rules and regulations, also directions for organizing on application, to any one who may desire to organize a Charity Circle. As the work of the Circle would be extensive, it would be well to divide it into departments, each department to have certain distinctive committees, wirh a superintendent for each department and a chairman for each committe.

Let one department be called the Sunbeam department, and the duty of committee No. 1, be, to go two or more at a time, weekly with gifts of flowers or fruit (for which they can obtain money from the treasury to purchase) and visit the invalids who are confined to indoor life. Let committee No. 2, of this department, with a like offering, go weekly to the blind people, "Those for whom it is ever night." Let it be the work of committee No. 3, to visit the very aged people, who are too feeble to go to church or else where, those who are unable to read and have little recreation. The classes mentioned above, the committees of the Sunbeam department should serve, by reading to them Scripture selections, sermons or other suitable matter, singing and prayer would also be in order if desired. They must do for them any and every act of kindness possible, and thus, make the time pass pleasantly, the pathway brighter and the trials less for those weary travelers. Messengers of cheer, should be one department, and the duty of the committees of this department should be to visit the prisoners, in their lonely cells; take to them tracts and such literature as may inspire them with higher and nobler principles

We would want a Missionary department also, and each member of this department to consider himself or herself a committee to keep their eyes and ears open on all sides to the sufferings of their fellow-men, and finding any whom the Circle may be able to assist, reporting same to the Circle. Nor must their work end here; there are many little children who receive no religious training at home, neither do they attend Sabbath school, but often spend the Sabbath playing in the streets or elsewhere; it is often the case that their parents are unable to provide them suitable clothing to attend either day or Sabbath school, such children, our missionaries of the Y. P. C. C., must seek out, and by dint of contributing from their own purses, soliciting among the friends, giving benefit entertainments, and drawing upon the treasury, must supply their needs, and thus, increase the membership of our Sabbath schools. Much more can be done in line of this grand work. Many improvements can be added to the scattered suggestions here given, from the insight you may have gleaned from them. Do you not think it a work worth while, and one that God would prosper?

"There are lonely hearts to cherish
While the days are going by,
There are weary souls who perish
While the days are going by,

If a smile we can renew,
As the journey we persue,
Oh the good we all may do
While the days are going by."

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### Mineola News Notes.

Mineola, Tex., Special.

Reeves' horse was killed by lightening. Miss Ida Curtis is in Hampton, Va., with her mother. The corn crop was small in the country last year. Corn is going up steadily. Rev. R. T. Taylor is pastor of the St. Paul Baptist church. S. E. Banks of Hampton, Va., is running a nice little paper. An old man name Randee Johnson, of Virginia, is here quite sick. His home is near Richmond, Va.

### Scientific Agriculturist.

Madison, Wis., Special.

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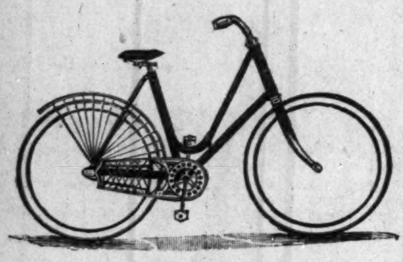

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The A. M. E. Zion church people of Norwood began their May fair last Monday evening.

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## PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Chas. Bass has returned from Richmond.

Mrs. Peter West is home from the South.

Frank Davis of Muncie was in the city Sunday.

James King of Lebanon was in the city last week.

Edw. Sanders was in Logansport last week on business.

Robt. Hopkins of Crawfordsville was in the city last week.

Mrs. Chas. Hale of Franklin, Ky., has located in the city.

A. C. Richardson spent a few days last week in Louisville.

Mrs. Charlotte Stewart of Chicago, is visiting friends in the city.

Rev. E. L. Gilliam, P. E., left for Lawrenceville, Ill., last week.

Jules Tarver and wife of Chicago are stopping at 202 W. Fifteenth street.

Mrs. Effie Stewart of Ft. Wayne is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. Jameison.

Miss Nettie Trust of Logansport was the guest of friends in the city recently.

Richard Beam, formerly of Springfield, Ill., will probably locate in this city.

Mrs. Stella Fisher spent Sunday in Terre Haute the guest of Mrs. Stella Wright.

Mrs. Moore of Minneapolis, Minn., is the guest of relatives and friends in the city.

Chas. H. Stewart and Jas. N. Simms are in attendance at the Nashville Centennial.

S. L. Robinson has returned from Toledo, O., where he has been visiting Tom Randall.

Mrs. Lucy Taylor of Lexington, Ky., is the guest of Mrs. Lottie William, 116 Martindale avenue.

C. S. Pritchett, State Grand Master of the U. B. F's. and S. M. T's. will leave next week for Chicago.

Chas. Hamilton, Will Burns and Mr. Kelley were in the city Sunday, the guests of Veril Burns.

Mrs. W. E. Smith of Grand Forks, N. D., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Melvina Smith, 162 Yandes street.

Prof. Henry Hart was tendered a pleasant surprise by his family in honor of his fifty-seventh birthday May 8.

Mrs. Maggie Brooks and Mrs. Essie Moore of Chicago were in attendance at their father, Ed. Francis' funeral.

W. H. Phelps, inventor of the Phelps vehicle washing device, left Saturday for Nashville to attend the Centennial.

Mr. and Mrs. James Farrow, who were the guests of Mrs. Hattie Jones in North strreet, returned to their home in Dayton, O., Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Phelps and children are spending a few weeks in Hopkinsville, Ky. They will later on visit the Nashville Centennial.

Messrs. Conway and Davidson and Mrs. N. Works of Hamilton, O., spent last Sunday in the city, the guest of Mrs. Davidson and family in North California street.

Mrs. A. H. Henderson left Thursday, May 13, for a visit of several weeks with friends in Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Pa., Boston, Mass., and New York City.

Dr. Harry W. Furniss will attend the State Medical Association which meets in Terre Haute next week. He will read a paper entitled "Diagnosis by Blood Examination."

On Monday evening, May 10 occurred the marriage of Sam Roberts to Miss Mary A. Palms at the bride's mother in Chappele street, only a few friends being present, among whom were: Mr. and Mrs. Conn, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Lucy G. Sanders and daughter, Miss Genia, Mrs. Minnie Clark, Miss Mattie Moose, Clark Burton, Mr. Phillips, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Belle Coleman, and Miss Arlantha Gaines.

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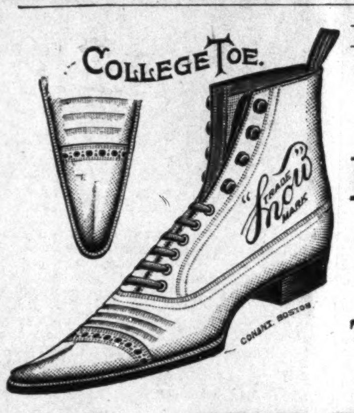

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## OBITUARY

### Edward Francis.

Mr. Edward Francis, better known as "Uncle Jack," died at his residence in West Second street last Friday after a protracted illness of nearly two years, aged fifty-six years. The funeral services were held at Bethel A. M. E. church last Monday afternoon, Rev. D. A. Graham officiating. The Masonic Order, of which the deceased was an honored member, headed by the Brotherhood band marched to the church in a body. Many beautiful floral tributes were left by sympathizing friends. He leaves a wife, several children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Undertaker Willis had charge of the remains.

### Mrs. Lizzie Williams.

Mrs. Lizzie Williams died at the residence of Mrs. Sallie Shelton in North sereet last Saturday after a short illness. Undertaker Willis shipped her remains to Madison, her former home for burial.

### Mrs. Sallie Gallatin.

Mrs. Sallie Gallatin died suddenly of heart disease last Thursday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Moker, in Howard street. Funeral services were held last Saturday from the residence.

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### SECOND CHRISTIAN NOTES.

Usual services all day. Rev. Womack preached both night and morning. Morning subject, "Jesus Christ as a Minister" Mark 10-45.

There was a good attendance at the Sunday school.

The choir is making preparations for an entertainment in the near future.

Miss Roberts of the Kokomo Christian church, is visiting in the city.

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